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A.	= Autograph.
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Diss.	= Dissertation.
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E.	= Endorsement.
F. R. S.	= Fellow of the Royal Society, of London.
L.	= Letter.
M. A. P. S.	= Member of the American Philosophical Society.
M. C. C.	= Member of the Continental Congress.
Mem.	= Memorandum.
Ms.	= Manuscript.
N.	= Note.
P.	= Person.
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From **Sam[ue]l Cooper Johonnot.** 1783. January 1. Geneva.

Account of his and Benny [Franklin Bache]'s success in their studies; prizes they will receive from the hands of the President of the College; hopes for peace and a speedy return to his native country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 1.**

From [**Major W. A. von**] **Steuben.** 1783. January 1. Cüstrin.

Begs that the annexed letter may be forwarded to Congress; has already directed several in the same manner to his son, who is a general officer in the service of the United States, without receiving any answer; begs a line of explanation from Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 2.**

English translation of the above. **LIX, 46.**

From [**André**] **Chester.** 1783. January 1. Marseilles.

Enclosing a memoir and various certificates [5 p.] from persons in authority, setting forth his zeal as English interpreter at Marseilles; his efforts to aid all Americans stranded in that port, and his desire and fitness for the position of American Consul at Marseilles. Requests Franklin to obtain a permit which will allow Charles Adam Duff to remain some time in Marseilles. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 3.**

From **Moreau Dufourneau.** 1783. January 2. Saint-Florentin.

Begging him to forward the enclosed reply to Lord George Fox whom he hears has left France for England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 4.**

From ——— **De Corny.** 1783. January 2. Paris.

Desiring to know if the American ship "Washington" has sailed; M. de Veimerange wishes information about it. He and Madame De Corny hope Franklin will choose an early date to drink tea with them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 5.**

From **H. St. John [de Crevecoeur].** 1783. January 3. Caen.

Informing Franklin that certain records of the Province of New York were sent by Samuel Bayard on board an English ship and are now in the Tower of London; though useless to Great Britain now that peace is declared, believes they must be of great importance to New York. Congratulates Franklin on the happy issue and wishes him every blessing in the future. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 6.**

From **Mordÿay Delamar.** 1783. January 3. Mogador.

Announcing that the American brig "Betsey" bound to Teneriffe was taken on the Barbary Coast by one of the privateers of the Emperor of Morocco and suspended with all her cargo; has received orders from the Emperor that, on the appearance of an Ambassador of the United States, the brig and cargo will be honorably discharged. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press Copy.) **XXVII, 7.**

From **M[ichael] Hillegas.** 1783. January 6. Philadelphia.

Introducing William Wood, a connection of Franklin's old friend Mr. Thomas Bond and the Newbolds of New Jersey, who is endeavoring in a commercial way to increase his fortune. Reminds Franklin of Mr. Clarkson's request as to the possibility of obtaining a complete set of the Encyclopaedia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 8.**

From **[Capt.] Joshua Barney.** 1783. January 7. L'Orient.

Acknowledging Franklin's despatches with the money; expects to sail in the morning; sorry he could not carry the news of peace as expected. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 9.**

From ——— **Damboix.** 1783. January 7. Mar D'Azil.

One of five or six young men who desire to go to Boston and establish themselves in business; their families are poor and unable to furnish them with means to carry out their plan; desires to know if Congress offers any encouragement to would-be citizens. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 10.**

From ——— **de Royer.** 1783. January 7. Lyons.

Read with delight the first laws drawn up by Franklin for Pennsylvania; sends him the first two volumes of his "Dictionnaire de Jurisprudence et des Arrets"; refers him to certain articles which he thinks may prove specially interesting. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 11.**

From **Marquis de Grammont.** 1783. January 7. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to name a time when he may have the pleasure of an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 12.**

From **James and Cha[rle]s Hill.** 1783. January 7. Bordeaux.

Reminding him of his promise to give them a letter of recommendation to some of his friends in Philadelphia or Boston provided he received a letter from Dr. Thomas Percival, certifying to their identity; enclosing Dr. Percival's letter [1 p.] as well as one from their brother Joseph Hill, of Manchester [1 p.]; have taken their passage on the American ship "Minerva." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 13.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. January 8. London.

Positive orders from the Admiralty for all American prisoners to be sent to Morlaix, where they wish the English prisoners to be awaiting them; hopes something will occur to clear Congress of having refused to comply with the agreement made in England for the exchange of prisoners. Secretary of State desirous of procuring the exchange of Lieut.-Col. Tarleton, Simcoe and Capt. MacLean, for whom they will release any officers in New York. Desires the earliest intelligence of the ultimatum. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 14.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. January 8. London.

Has been at the Secretary's Office relative to the exchange of prisoners; the Admiralty ordered vessels to depart immediately with all American prisoners; these prisoners are to be sent to Morlaix where he desires Dr. Franklin to send the English prisoners. L. 1 p. (Press copy of an extract.) **LV, 14a.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1783. January 9. Dunkirk.

Thomas Connelly, an American taken prisoner by a Guernsey corsair on his passage from l'Orient to Philadelphia; his escape from an English prison and his arrival in France; advanced him a certain sum of money on Franklin's account. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Give him five louis, taking his notes, etc., and direct him to go *via* Orleans. **XXVII, 16.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. January 9. Nantes.

Sending enclosed, letters to Lord Shelburne and Mr. Vaughan; thinks the subject worth a national claim; begs Franklin to add a line to his letter to Lord Shelburne. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 123.**

From ——— **de Pio.** 1783. January 9. Paris.

Sending Franklin a letter arrived from Naples. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 17.**

From **[Jacques] Chapel.** 1783. January 9. Valenciennes.

Will send him certain samples of his manufactures which he begs may be sent with Franklin's recommendation to the most reputable merchants in America and to American manufacturers in certain French towns; when peace is declared, desires the position of paymaster. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 18.**

From ——— **D'ron.** 1783. January 11. Nantes.

Concerning a debt owing him by one Fritz Sellier who left for Boston and has not since been heard from; begs for information of his present whereabouts. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 19.**

From ——— **de Sandoz-Rollin.** 1783. January 12. Paris.

Sends the subjoined memoir of the Maritime Society of Prussia; hopes he will read and answer it to prove that he has fulfilled his commission. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 20.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1783. January 12. Passy.

Writes on behalf of M. [Louis] de Boislandry, merchant of L'Aigle, who desires an interview with Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 21.**

From **Josephus Corabita de Laskowski.** 1783. January 12. Galicia.

Begs Franklin to procure him a suitable and remunerative occupation in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) **XXVII, 22.**

From ——— **Grubb.** 1783. January 13. Paris.

Desiring a passport for England via Calais. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 23.**

From [**Antoine-Nicolas**] **Servin.** 1783. January 13. Rouen.

Hopes to wait on him in Paris with a copy of his work [de la Legislature Criminelle]; desired to bring out especially the vices of the criminal legislation of England. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 24.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1783. January 16. Versailles.

Sending him a copy of a memoir from Messrs. Faure, Donneau and Co., of Marseilles, owners of the ship "L'Élégante"; Franklin has been fully informed of the details of this affair and can therefore judge of the justice of the demand for indemnity; begs Franklin to use his influence to procure this firm their just dues; thinks it unjust that French merchants should be the unfortunate victims of such reprehensible conduct as that of the commander of the militia at "Carlerscreck." L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 25.**

From [**Mme.**] **Mandat de Fraguier.** 1783. January 16. Paris.

Sending the enclosed memoir [1 p.] from le Sieur Nivière, who desires to obtain the post of Consul at Lyons; a man of merit. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 26.**

From ——— **Penide.** 1783. January 16. Lyons.

Concerning a plan on the part of himself and two others to establish a silk manufactory in America; desires his advice. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 27.**

From **Sam[uel] Curson.** 1783. January 16. Marseilles.

Wishes to know if an American will be permitted to establish a business house in Lisbon. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 29.**

From **Léonard Appée.** 1783. January 16. Paris.

Preferring his claim for three months' wages and his share of the prize-money during his service as a volunteer on board the American frigate "Providence" in the fall of 1778; enclosing a letter from Louvel [1 p.], Agent at Paimboeuf, certifying his statements. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 30 and 86.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1783. January 17. Paris.

Reasons why he has not been to Passy; begs Franklin to name a day when he will dine with Madame Le Roy and himself. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 31.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. January 17. Paris.

Inconsolable at missing Franklin's visit; desired greatly to see him and congratulate him on the happy peace; requests his and his grandson's presence at a musicale she gives on the 30th. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 32.**

From [**Barthélemy**] **Faujas De Saint Fond.** 1783. January 19. Paris.

Sending a specimen of the new metal, used for sheathing vessels; description of the nails with which it is fastened. Sending also a curious stone found in Sicily; use made of it by the inhabitants; process by which the bitumen is removed; enclosing another copy of his work on "La Pouzzolane" which he begs may be sent to the person in charge of the ports of public works in America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 33.**

From ——— **Gastellier.** 1783. January 19. Montargis.

Thanks him for accepting the dedication of his work; will comply with the conditions dictated by Franklin's modesty and delicacy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 34.**

From **Jean Guillaume Backhaus.** 1783. January 20. Hanover.

Enclosing a memoir [4 p.] which he begs Franklin to place before the Congress with a favorable recommendation; the advantages of a commercial alliance between Germany and America; superior position of Hamburg as a residence for an accredited agent of the United States; applies for such a position. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 35.**

From ——— **Miller.** 1783. January 20. Paris.

Concerning a bill for groceries bought by M. Duchemin for Dr. Franklin's use. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 36.**

From ——— **Garos.** 1783. January 20. Fontenay-le-Comte.

Writes on behalf of a Frenchman, le Sieur François Gray [?] who deserted his regiment in France, and took up his residence in Philadelphia; certain sums due him by inheritance which the Government thinks he should forfeit as a deserter; begs Franklin to procure his pardon from the French Government in order that he may enter into possession of his just inheritance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 37.**

From **Abbé Duriquet.** 1783. January 22. Paris.

Offering his verses in honor of the peace; placed Franklin's name beside those of Louis XVI and de Vergennes; enumerates Franklin's great achievements. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 38.**

From **Joseph Trout and Richard Davis.** 1783. January 22. Niort Castle.

Natives of Massachusetts and followers of the sea; taken prisoners by an English privateer and carried into New York, where they were kept eight months on board a prison ship and then sent to England; on their arrival, they chose, rather than go on board a man-of-war or into prison, to take passage on board a vessel bound for the West Indies; this ship captured by a French man-of-war; in spite of being Americans they were conveyed to a French prison; begs Franklin to obtain their release. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 39.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. January 22. Paris.

Franklin's country knows how to appreciate his great services; in case America should desire to leave to posterity a monument to this glorious event or one to those patriots who have sacrificed their lives in the cause, begs Franklin to employ his talents. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 40.**

From ——— **Gebhard.** 1783. January 22. Strasbourg.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his father. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 41.**

From [**Alexandre Théodore**] **Brongniart.** 1783. January 23. Paris.

Sending two new proofs of the medal; points out certain imperfections which will be corrected. Reminds Franklin of his promise to tell him what should be written on the lower part of the medal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 42.**

From **Marquis de La Salle.** 1783. January 23. Paris.

Writes on behalf of M. Poulletier, of Paris, who desires a letter of recommendation for his son whom he is about to send to Philadelphia with a quantity of merchandise; this request seconded by la Marquise Deroillers. On the fifth of May their Lodge gave a fête at which Franklin promised to be present. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 43.**

From **Comte de La Touche.** 1783. January 24. Paris.

Congratulating Franklin on the independence of the United States and sending him the annexed letter forwarded from London. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 44.**

From [**Mrs.**] **S**[**arah**] **Bache.** 1783. January 24. Philadelphia.

As soon as his letter by Miss [S.] Beckwith was received, she and Mr. Bache waited on her and requested her to stay with them till she could be agreeably settled; promises that she shall never want warm friends in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 45.**

From **Jacob Smith.** 1783. January 24. Mill Prison.

Describing the wretched condition of his fellow prisoners; the French, Dutch and Spanish receive clothes and money, but the poor Americans are given nothing; there are 160 men all told and one half are without shoes and stockings. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 47.**

From ——— **Perrault.** 1783. January 24. Deux-ponts.

Desires to become a citizen of the United States, and to find some useful employment; begs Franklin to put him in the way of obtaining his passage over. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 48.**

From **L. Martineau.** 1783. January 25. Bordeaux.

Concerning his project of establishing a sugar-refinery at Philadelphia; desires to know if Congress will defray certain expenses and grant certain liberties. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 49.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. January 25. Nantes.

His father staying with him; expects to wait on Franklin shortly. Acknowledging his note to Lord Shelburne. Just received the news of peace. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 124.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. January 25. Nantes.

Introducing his friend Major Samuel White, who is in the business of obtaining passports for the American ships outward bound. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 125.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. January 26.

Desiring to know if one of his letters containing a bill of exchange came safely to hand. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 50.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. January 26. London.

Waited on the Secretary of State with the discharge of the officers, and obtained his consent for the cartel vessel to go to l'Orient. Congratulating him on the glorious and honorable termination of the war. Reminds him of his promise to sketch out the wisest and best conduct for England to pursue with respect to America, after independence is acknowledged. Desires to enter into commercial relations with America; wishes a pass for his vessel called the "Mary," and begs Mr.

W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin to procure him one from the Spanish and French Ministers; apprehensions of her being captured before hostilities finally cease. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 50½.**

From **Nath[anie]l Fanning.** 1783. January 27. Dunkirk Gaol.

Advised not to desist in his petition to Franklin, who can procure him his enlargement; can prove that he is a native of New London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 51.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. January 27. Forbach.

Sending Franklin his congratulations and those of the Comtesse de Forbach on the approaching peace. A few lines of affection and admiration in the Countess's hand. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 52.**

From **Charles Gilibert & Co.** 1783. January 27. Lyons.

Concerning a letter received from Mr. John Hoskins Stone, merchant in Annapolis, Md., with an invoice of goods; desire to know if they may place confidence in this gentleman and execute his orders. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 53.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. January 28. Vienna.

Account of an experiment in electricity; desires to dedicate his work to Franklin; has received a request from the Great Duke of Russia for a copy of the French edition and the German translation. Desires information of a machine which raises water by means of a rope. Begs Franklin to look over the letters of a Mr. Valltravers who is in desperate need of some employment. Advice how to treat his attacks of gout; published in Latin some years before a dissertation on how to treat gout, gravel, etc., translated from Dr. [Nathaniel] Hulme;[1] explains his theory. Attitude of England towards his country; England's policy in granting independence to America is to better crush France. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVII, 54.**

Printed, in part, in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 254.

[1] [Nieuwe, veilige en gemaklijke manier, om den steen (etc.). Rotterdam, 1778.]

From **Comte de Grasse.** 1783. January 28. Paris.

Congratulates Franklin on the signing of the preliminaries of peace, and on the independence of America; encloses a letter of congratulation to the President of Congress; hopes this proof of his attachment to America will be as acceptable as the one he rendered at Yorktown. Wishes to send him also one of his memoirs on the naval battle of April 12th to prove his blamelessness in the affair. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 55.**

From **Adam Christian Kümmel.** 1783. January 28. Brieg.

Sends him nine treatises on the valuation of gold coins throughout the states of Europe; has fifty-three more treatises which he will send also if Franklin desires it; has been engaged on this work for twenty-five or thirty years; believes this knowledge of the comparative values of various moneys will probably be of great advantage to a growing commercial power like America; applies to Franklin to render him assistance to get his works printed. A. L. S. 4 p. (In German.) **XXVII, 57.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. January 28. Nantes.

Desires to know if the prohibition on English goods in America ceases with the declaration of peace; also, if tobacco already imported into France will be received in England. Questions of returning to England the few prisoners still in Nantes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 126.**

From **Dr. [Maxwell] Garthshore.** 1783. January 29. Paris.

Expressing great regret at being obliged to leave Paris without paying his respects to Franklin; except on one occasion which, owing to the drunkenness of his coachman, was at a very improper hour. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 58.**

From **The Messrs. Vaughan.** 1783. January 29. Paris.

Regretting their inability to accept his invitation for Sunday. Enclose a list of books which they desire returned. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 59.**

From [Gen.] Cha[rle]s Pettit. 1783. January 29. Philadelphia.

Recommending to Franklin's notice his son, Andrew Pettit. A. L. S. 1 p. XXVII, 60.

From ——— Nevill and ——— Moore.

[1783.] January 29. Paris.

From Ireland; ask permission to pay their respects to him before leaving Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. XL, 39.

From Thomas Barclay. 1783. January 29. L'Orient.

Congratulating him on the independence of America. Desires passports from the British Minister so that several American vessels in the harbor may sail without delay; gives a list of the ships; all carry public supplies; importance of getting them to America before the shipments from England arrive. A. L. S. 2 p. XXVII, 61.

From J[ohn] Jay. 1783. January 29. Paris.

Desires to know if Franklin can provide for the payment of Mr. Johnson's bills, in case he accepts them. A. L. S. 1 p. XXVII, 62.

From Chevalier de Meyronnet de St. Marc. 1783. January 30. Lisbon.

The Vice-Consul of France at the Island of Fayal, desires reimbursement for expenses he incurred on behalf of five Americans whom he sent back to their native country; mentions the names of people in Passy at whose houses he had the pleasure of meeting Franklin. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXVII, 63.

From [Mme.] Martinville De Lafreté. 1783. January 30. Paris.

M. de Labarre, desires to go to America under Franklin's protection; M. and Mme. la Vicomtesse de la Herreria are much interested in him; trusts Franklin will oblige them in this matter. Her health still delicate; begs Franklin to come and see her. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXVII, 64.

From Jean Guild Wets. 1783. January 30. Bruges.

Intention of their firm to send some vessels to America for the purposes of trade; apply to Franklin for some information, especially as to the name of trustworthy American firms. A. L. S. 2 p. XXVII, 65.

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. January 31. Nantes.

Introducing the Hon. John Wheelock, President of Dartmouth College, who has come to Europe to obtain donations for an institution of learning. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 127.**

From **[Alexandre Théodore] Brongniart.** 1783. January 31. Paris.

Desiring to know if he received two new proofs of the medal, as well as that with the head of liberty; reminding him that he has not yet stated what he desires engraved at each side. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 66.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Sr.** 1783. January 31. Nantes.

Recommending to Franklin President Wheelock and his brother. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 66½.**

From ——— **de Illens.** 1783. January 31. Marseilles.

Hope of obtaining the considerable sum due him from South Carolina; now that peace has been declared, hopes America will satisfy the creditors who came to her aid in time of trouble; desires to know whether the debt will be paid in goods or land. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 67.**

From **d'Aubremé & Son.** 1783. January 31. Brussels.

Congratulating him on the independence of America, and his glorious part in the great event. Their desire to establish commercial relations with America; if this plan is practicable, begs Franklin to recommend some firm in Boston or Philadelphia to whom they can consign their vessels. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 68.**

From **Chevalier de St. Olympe.** 1783. January. Paris.

Thanks Franklin for lending him Abbé Raynal's book which he read with interest. Will return Abbé Raynal's letter to Franklin in a few days. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 57.**

From ——— ———. 1783. January. Passy.

Proposition for furnishing table supplies and catering for Dr. Franklin. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 2.**

From [**John**] **Carter.** [1783. *Circa* January.]

Requests him to forward a letter, by the express, he sends to Capt. [Joshua] Barney at Havre. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 249.**

From ——— **Boyer.** 1783. February 1. Bordeaux.

Desires to establish a glass-works in America; willing to undertake the expense if Congress will accord him all the privileges and facilities in their power. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 69.**

From [**Marquis de Chartier de**] **Lotbinière.** 1783. February 2. Paris.

His delight at America's independence; disappointed that Canada was not united as a fourteenth province; indignant at the boundary line being drawn at Lat. 41° N.; explains the value to America of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain; desires an interview on the subject with Franklin and Adams. Lands he owns near Crown Point, extending to Lake George and including Ticonderoga; hopes Franklin will uphold these claims before Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 70.**

From **Matt[hew] Ridley.** 1783. February 2. Paris.

Enclosing the power of attorney to be certified; dictates a simple form which he can use. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 71.**

From **S[amuel] Vaughan, [Jr.].** 1783. February 3. Paris.

Desires Franklin to forward any letters addressed to Miss Laurens to his care; accident which delayed the party's journey to London. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 72.**

From ——— **Feron.** 1783. February 3. Vernon.

Desires Franklin at least to indicate the cheapest route to America, as well as the most temperate climate in which to settle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 73.**

From **Coulougnac & Co.** 1783. February 3. Nantes.

Debt owing them by the State of Virginia through the agency of M. Penet; encloses a memoir [2 p.] which will give him an exact idea

of the entire transaction; begs him to appoint a commission to look into their titles; much further delay in the payment of this sum will result in their ruin; will suspend all legal proceedings until they hear his decision in the matter. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 74.**

From ——— **Loyseau.** 1783. February 3. Paris.

Interested in a steel-works near Paris; desires to know if there is any market for this product in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 75.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [John] Jay.** [*Circa* 1783.] February 3. Chaillot.

Inviting him to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 198.**

From **Fizeaux, Grand & Co.** 1783. February 3. Amsterdam.

Mr. [Robert] Morris's bill was paid and another was drawn on Dr. Franklin for their reimbursement. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 77.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. February 4. Paris.

Regrets that she must see Franklin eight days later than she had expected. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 78.**

From ——— **Stourm.** 1783. February 4. Bellfort.

Congratulations on the independence of America. Sends an essay of his, entitled "Le Royaume Imaginaire." A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 79.**

From **Connelly and Sons & Arthur.** 1783. February 4. Dunkirk.

Account of their firm; desires him to recommend them to some good houses at Boston, Charleston, Philadelphia and New York, and to appoint Philip or Joseph Connelly Consul at Dunkirk. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 80.**

From [**Capt.**] **de Lenoble.** 1783. February 4. Hanau.

Spent a considerable time in America and desires to return there and enter the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 81.**

From ——— **Campo-de-Arbe.** 1783. February 5. Paris.

Begs for recommendations among Franklin's acquaintance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 82.**

From ——— **Brossière.** 1783. February 5. L'Orient.

Desiring information concerning M. Loch, whether his present wife is living and when the marriage took place; one of his parishioners, Mlle. Desbois, thought for a long time to be the wife of M. Loch, denies this fact and is desirous of accepting an offer of marriage; cannot perform the ceremony until he receives the desired information. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 83.**

From **George Walker.** 1783. February 5. Calais.

Congratulates him on the declaration of peace. Introduced himself to Mr. Oswald on his passage through Calais and asked him England's intentions as regarded the ruined planters of Barbadoes; expects no redress of a public nature and despairs of even a private one; wishes to be put in the way of earning a livelihood. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 84.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1783. February 6. Versailles.

Concerning the loan of six millions of livres which the King proposes to grant to Congress. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 85.**

From **Le Banneret d'Ostervald.** 1783. February 6. Neufchâtel.

He and his associates are the founders and directors of a printing house; liberty of the press enjoyed in Switzerland; begs Franklin to recommend his firm to the leading libraries in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 87.**

From ——— **Defay.** 1783. February 6. Paris.

Congratulates him on the peace. Begs him to accede to the prayers of M. Gastellier. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 88.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1783. February 7. Versailles.

Sends him a copy of a letter just received from le Marquis de Castries [2 p.], narrating the indecent manner in which four dis-

tinguished French officers were treated by Capt. Thomas Smith of the privateer, "General Garveret"; hopes Franklin will use his authority to punish the offenders. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 89.

From **Jean Guillaume Backhaus.** 1783. February 7. Hanover.

Proposes a German regiment for the use of America and to recruit it mainly from the Germans who will return from service in that country; the details of his plan; asks for Franklin's endorsement. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The United States will probably not keep up a standing army; most of the Germans likely to settle in America rather than return to Europe; has no authority to set on foot the negotiations he suggests. **XXVII, 90.**

From **Arnold Delius.** 1783. February 7. Bremen.

Has been established in Bremen for nearly twenty years and has dealt extensively in linen and other merchandise for exportation; his present intention to send a vessel laden with merchandise to Boston and to make the voyage himself as supercargo; begs for a letter of recommendation to the President of Congress. A. L. S. 4 p.
XXVII, 91.

From **[Marquis de Chartier de] Lotbinière.**
1783. February 8. Paris.

The boundaries between the American and English possessions; expresses himself as quite satisfied. Reminds him of his promise to bring the affair of his American possessions to the notice of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 92.**

From **Thomas Plumer Byde.** 1783. February 8. Naples.

A member of the first Parliament of the present King of England where his name appears in the list of those who voted for the repeal of the Stamp Act; congratulates Franklin on the happy conclusion of the war. Desires the position of Consul in one of the ports of Italy. Begs him to forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Wharton. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 76.**

From **Jean Chrétien Schuster.** 1783. February 8. Vienna.

Named his son Benjamin Silas Arthur in honor of Franklin and his colleagues, Deane and Lee. His attachment and admiration for Franklin and America. Desires the address of merchants at Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Charleston. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 92½.**

From [**René Georges**] **Gastellier.** 1783. February 9.

Sends by the Marquis Dusaillant (son-in-law of the Marquis de Mirabeau) his little work dedicated to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 93.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1783. February 10. Paris.

Sends the rough draft of a French letter [2 p.] which he has written for Franklin; feels that he failed to speak as befitted the liberator of America. Apologizes for not asking Franklin to dine with other members of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 94.**

From **Ingraham & Bromfield.** 1783. February 10. Bordeaux.

Desire to know whether it is necessary to have a particular passport for their vessel, which is about to sail for New England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 95.**

From **Guillaume Sazy.** 1783. February 11. Fiume.

Begging Franklin to grant him the position of American Consul or Agent at any sea-port he may be pleased to name. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 96.**

From ——— **Loyseau.** 1783. February 11. Paris.

Presumes Franklin failed to receive his last letter, asking if there was any market for steel in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 97.**

From **Comte de Bussy Dagoneau.**

1783. February 12. Chateau de Pierre Encize.

Sends him an ode on peace, also an account of himself [2 p.], the reason for his present captivity and his hopeless state of health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 98.**

From **Jean Bernard Linckh.** 1783. February 12. Hirschberg.

Begs Franklin to recommend him to those American merchants who trade in linens. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 99.**

From [**Samuel**] **Vaughan, [Jr.].** 1783. February 13. Paris.

Accepting his invitation for dinner on Sunday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 100.**

From **J. François Amandeur.** 1783. February 13. Paris.

Desires to go to America. Is a watch maker. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 102.**

From [**Dr.**] **I. MacMahon.** 1783. February 13. Paris.

Will break a previous engagement to wait on him the following Sunday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 103.**

From **Chevailer de Mailly (Marquis de Neele).**
1783. February 13. Paris.

Inquires if it is true that the United States grants large tracts of land on advantageous terms to those who will cultivate them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 104.**

From **Marquis de Mirabeau.** 1783. February 13. Paris.

Dr. Gastellier desires to know if Franklin will accept the dedication of his book; speaks in the highest terms of this physician. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 105.**

From **de Vinck & Co.** 1783. February 13. Ostend.

Desiring to send over several vessels to Boston or Philadelphia and form an establishment there; their agent in Philadelphia, Rodolph Tillier, obtained from Mr. Adams the best letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 106.**

From ——— **Siegmüller.** 1783. February 13. Austria.

German by birth. Served in the Austrian army. Begs Franklin to procure him some suitable position in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) **XXVII, 107.**

From ——— **Perret.** 1783. February 14. Nantes.

Sending him the proceedings relative to certain prizes. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 108.**

From ——— **Ollivier and others (Municipal Officers of Port Louis).** 1783. February 14. Port Louis.

Desire to obtain for Port Louis the privilege of trading with the United States; they have written on this subject to the Marquis de Castries. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 24½.**

From [**Samuel**] **Vaughan, [Jr.].** 1783. February 14. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. [William] Hodgson. Lord Surr[e]y talked of as Ambassador to America. Report of Mr. [Henry] Laurens's intended arrival in Paris on the 11th inst. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVII, 101.**

From **David Williams.** 1783. February 14. London.

Mr. Mace, Secretary to Mr. Murray during his Embassy to Constantinople, desires to be employed by the United States as Ambassador to the Porte, as Secretary to the Embassy, or Consul in Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 109.**

From [**Stephano,**] **Baron de Bissy.** 1783. February 15. Bruges.

Enthuses over the establishment of peace and the crowning of Franklin's labors; wishes him a long life and happiness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 110.**

From **Arthur and William Bryan, Jr.** 1783. February 15. Dublin.

Requesting a passport for their ship which will be ready to sail in sixteen or eighteen days. Thinks it will be necessary for the commerce of the United States to have a Consul at Dublin; offer themselves. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 111.**

From **George William René Macarty.** 1783. February 15. Vannes.

Has forgotten his father's address, so begs Franklin to forward him the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 112.**

From ——— **Lalanne.** 1783. February 15. Bayonne.

Never doubted the success of America from the moment of her Treaty of Alliance with France. Advantages of the port of Bayonne as a center of trade with the United States. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 113.

From **L. Lanoix.** 1783. February 15. Bordeaux.

Wrote December 10th asking for a passport for his vessel "Le Grand d'Estaing"; imagines the peace will enable him to dispense with this precaution; wishes to know if an English passport is necessary. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 114.**

From **J. M. Ortlieb.** 1783. February 16. Reichenweyr, Upper Alsace.

Concerning the cultivation of the vine. Accompanied by a French essay on same subject, addressed to M. Joly de Fleury, Director-General of Finances. A. L. S. 12 p. **LIX, 10.**

From **J[ohn] Torris and ——— Wante.**
1783. February 16. Dunkirk.

Reminding him of his promise to give them one of the hundred passports he expects from London together with a letter of recommendation for Messrs. Bache & Shee at Philadelphia; determined to hasten the departure of their vessel, the "Franklin," which only waits for the desired passport. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Will make a letter of recommendation to Messrs. Bache & Shee and send it with the passport. **XXVII, 115.**

From ——— **Schopman.** 1783. February 17. Anvers.

Desires to go to Philadelphia, Boston or Charleston, and practise as an architect; begs Franklin to grant him a free passage. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 116.**

From **Fleury & Nemadières.** 1783. February 17. Orleans.

Sending a bill for the expenses incurred in forwarding various boxes to Dr. Franklin; desires to know whether a red box marked B. F., contents unknown, is intended for him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 117.

From **M. Price.** 1783. February 17. Paris.

Begging Franklin to name her husband American Agent at Marseilles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 118.**

From **Roze de Chantoiseau.** 1783. February 17.

Hopes Franklin will accept the work he sends; ardently desirous that his scheme for the liquidation of a state's debt may be of use to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 119.**

From ——— **Loyseau.** 1783. February 17.

Reason why he wrote Franklin regarding the means of exporting steel to America. Slanders against him by Mr. William Alexander; defends himself from such an attack. His high opinion of [Comte] de Benyowsky. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 120.**

From **N. Westerwick and Friedrich Steyn.** 1783. February 17. Paris.

His promise to grant them letters of recommendation to Boston and Philadelphia; they are about to go to America on business. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 121.**

From **John Woddrop.** 1783. February 17. Glasgow.

Desires his opinion as to what merchandise of Ireland, Scotland and Great Britain will have the best chance of selling in America; mentions certain fabrics which will be in great demand during the summer season; if he needs a pass to ship these articles, begs Franklin to send him one. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 122.**

From **Herman Heyman's Sons.** 1783. February 17. Bremen.

Delighted at America's independence; their commercial relations with the United States; expect to send a vessel there in three weeks; their partners are Mr. Henry Talla and Mr. Arnold Delius; refers Franklin to the latter's letter of the 7th inst.; desire letters of introduction and recommendation, especially to Congress, in order that they may receive protection and consideration. A. L. S. 4 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The inhabitants of North America accustomed to treat strangers with hospitality and kindness; a recommendation to the Governor to protect them is neither necessary nor usual; encloses a letter to friends who will give Mr. Delins any advice a stranger may need. **XXVII, 123.**

From **P. E. Van de Perre.** 1783. February 18. Marseilles.

Delighted at the approaching peace. Recommending M. Conclair for the position of Consul at Marseilles. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 125.**

From **The Earl of Buchan.** 1783. February 18. Edinburgh.

His desire to promote the emigration of certain of his countrymen to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 126.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 486; Bigelow, VIII, 258).

From [**Père Joseph Etienne**] **Bertier.**
1783. February 18. Paris.

Offers to send him his history on the beginning of the world and of men, proved by the agreement between the laws of physics and the book of Genesis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 127.**

From **Rodolph Valltravers.** 1783. February 19. Vienna.

Congratulating him on the glorious success of all his labors; offers various suggestions which he believes will be of use to the United States; will procure all these advantages for America as soon as he is authorized to do so by Congress. Presents the application of an old friend of his, an eminent surveyor and engineer, who desires a commission from Congress to employ his squadron of four ships on a voyage of discovery on their behalf; what he would require of Congress in return for his services. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **XXVII, 128 and 129.**

From **Laurent Counèler.** 1783. February 19. Marseilles.

Asking for the position of Consul at Marseilles. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 130.**

From **Isaac Lynen, le jeune.** 1783. February 19. Stolberg.

Interested in the manufacture of various articles in brass; inquires if there is any market for these wares in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 131.**

From **Joseph de Veinbrenner.** 1783. February 19. Vienna.

Desiring Franklin to furnish him with the names of various reliable firms in Boston, Philadelphia and New York with which they may enter into commercial relations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXVII, 132.**

From ——— **Pomaret.** 1783. February 20. Ganges.

Enclosing a letter for Miss Laurens. Recommends M. Marc-Antoine Bazile for the position of Consul at Languedoc. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 133.**

From **J. W. Ruellan de Gallinée.** 1783. February 20. St. Malo.

Concerning certain bills of exchange paid by the State of South Carolina in exchange for certain goods sent to Charleston; desires to know the value in French money of these bills. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 134.**

From **John Fottrell.** 1783. February 21. Ostend.

Desires his opinion as to the advisability of sending to America any goods of English manufacture; asks for a pass which will insure their safety on arrival. Requested by the Chief Magistrates of Ostend to inform Franklin that every encouragement and facility will be granted to American trade in Belgium. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Cannot advise him to send any British goods to America till he hears that the trade is open; acknowledging his offers of services and glad to hear of the Magistrates' good will. **XXVII, 135.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1783. February 21. Pisa.

Congratulating him on the decision of the late contest, and wishing him all future prosperity and happiness. The severity of her fortune will never permit of her returning to England. Acknowledging Franklin's kindness in honoring her recommendation of Dr. and Miss Burrows; heard from the latter that Franklin mentioned his intention of sending her a sufficient sum to enable her to take her little helpless family to England; fears his letter on this subject may have miscarried; however, does not wish to solicit pecuniary favors; is accustomed to poverty herself and only worries about the future of her children. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 136.**

From **Trial, Roux & Co.** 1783. February 21. Marseilles.

The manner in which the Captain of their vessel had been obliged to make very disadvantageous terms after selling his cargo; thinks now that peace is declared and things readjusted, some compensation is due them. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 137.**

From **M. Price.** 1783. February 22. Paris.

Reminds Franklin of her request for a Consulship for her husband; begs him to write to Congress on the subject; applies to him as she would to her father. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 138.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1783. February 22. London.

Has just made up her packet for America, which goes by a faithful servant of Governor Franklin's; present address of the Governor; his work on behalf of the Tories; his health bad and he looks old. News of her own son Joseph being cast away near Boston in the ship "Argo." Hopes to see Franklin in Philadelphia that summer. Her righteous indignation at the Parliament in England; they adopt the faults of George and Charlotte. Great reception which Franklin would meet with if he came to London. Messages to his grandson. All the wise and prudent wait for the season to set out for America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 139.**

From **L. Vivier.** 1783. February 22. La Rochelle.

Is about to send a vessel to Chesapeake Bay for purposes of trade; if it is necessary to have a passport in order to unload his cargo, begs Franklin to send him one. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 140.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. February 23. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter from [Tristram] Dalton, of Newburyport, asking for a larger allowance from Government for the brig "Fair Play." A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 129.**

From **[Madame] Dufour.** 1783. February 24. Paris.

Her husband is a master tailor and is unable to pay his debts; her child of fourteen months often wants the necessaries of life; begs Franklin to arrange for them to go to America where she and her husband can find work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 141.**

From **Le Grand de Castelle.** 1783. February 24. Dunkirk.

Offering his services as American Consul at Dunkirk. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 142.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1783. February 25. London.

Terms of the peace not approved in England. His sympathy with England's present principles and his belief in the ultimate improvement of those who remain in office. Expects Franklin to visit him in London; has his apartments all prepared. Asks for a letter on behalf of Mr. Joshua Grigby, Jr., who, notwithstanding his considerable advantages of birth and fortune, intends going out to settle in America. Requests a second letter for Mr. John Darby, a relative of his own and Admiral Darby; will be very angry if Johnson did not get the Philosophical books Franklin wanted. Jack Lee execrates the peace and talks of "our fine fleet." Report that Franklin abuses England as much as ever he did during the war; his answer to all such accusations. A. L. S. 8 p. **XXVII, 143.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, IX, 489; Bigelow, VIII, 261).

From ——— **Froger de Larigaudière.** 1783. February 25.

The advantages to the United States of having a free trading port in the Province of Saintonge, France; location of the port of Oleron in said province, near the town of Marennes, and its natural advantages and facilities for trade; offers to give his services free to the United States as Consul at the said port and town. D. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LV, 24.**

From **Count de Bellujeu (?).** 1783. February 25. Champlitte.

Sends Dr. Franklin a military song in honor of King Louis, Washington and Franklin and requests the latter to forward a medal of Henri IV of France to General Washington. A. L. S. Verses. 4 p. (In French.) **LI, 22.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. February 25. London.

Complains at having been made to pay £23 for a pass for his ship "Mary"; consults Franklin about the advisability of sending their cargo before a Treaty of Commerce is settled; loss which a delay will mean to them; suggests that a letter to Congress in their favor might

do away with any danger of seizure or confiscation. State of English politics; the Shelburnites completely routed; thinks this will make no difference to America; Lord Shelburne's lack of friends. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVII, 144.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. February 26. Vienna.

Hears that Franklin is certainly coming to Vienna; points out the most comfortable mode of travelling; wishes he were to accompany Franklin through Italy. Franklin's important share in the revolution and his present triumph over certain English statesmen. America's next danger will be internal disunion. Desire of many persons to settle there; would like to do so himself had his capital invested with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton turned out as he expected; cannot believe that Mr. Wharton is such a mean sharper; account of the contradictory letters written him by Mr. Coffyn and Dr. Bancroft. Describes a business transaction with Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.]; begs Franklin's consideration of these business matters. M. Le Bègue [de Presle]'s delay in regard to the printing of his work. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVII, 145.**

From **[Marquis] de Luce-Seillans.** 1783. February 26. Grasse.

Desires Franklin to obtain from the King the freedom of the port of Antibes in favor of the United States of America; the advantages offered by this port for a commerce between France and America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 146.**

From **Baron de Haxthausen.** 1783. February 26. Hildesheim.

Congratulates Franklin on the glorious peace and sends him a Latin inscription for the statue of the King of France which is to be erected in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 147.**

From **——— St. Martin.** 1783. February 27. Tonneins.

Desires to know in what manner the officers attached to the American service will be treated; entered the army in 1776 as Lieutenant-Colonel and only returned to France two months before to re-establish his health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 148.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1783. February 28. Philadelphia.

Congratulating him on the peace and asking him to forward the enclosed. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 149.**

From [**Prof.**] **Embser.** 1783. February 28. Deux-Ponts.

Congratulates Franklin on having created a great Nation and given back to the other hemisphere their natural rights. As the editor of the Ancient Classical Writers, desires to know if Franklin approves of these works, and if he will mention some agent who will facilitate their sale in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 150.**

From **T[homas] Pownall.** 1783. February 28. Richmond, Surrey.

Congratulations on the peace. Remarks on the condition and prospects of the United States. His deed to Harvard College. His project of making a tour of America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 151.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 491).

From **M. de Chalut.** [1783.] February 28.

Sends a letter from his friends at Leghorn. Hopes Franklin will see that their request is complied with. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 147.**

From ——— **De Lafreté.** 1783. March 1. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to see his friend, M. Gallard de Bayonne. It was his brother for whom he asked the Consulship at Bayonne; his little wife pretty well but she would be still better if she could see Franklin more often. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 152.**

From **L. W. Cartineau.** 1783. March 1. Bordeaux.

Desires to know whether his plan of establishing a sugar refinery in America is a hazardous enterprise or not. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 153.**

From ——— **Urtado, M[arqu]is Damdraga.** 1783. March 2. Paris.

A work written by an intimate friend, entitled "The Eagle and the Owl," contains an article which concerns Franklin and which he hopes will prove worthy of perusal. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 154.**

From ——— **des Essarts.** 1783. March 2. Paris.

Sending his work which contains an account that may interest him of the lightning-rod of St. Omer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 155.**

From ——— **Richard.** 1783. March 2. Collège de Lisieux.

Sending his ode on peace; has omitted one verse out of consideration for Franklin's modesty; begs Franklin to procure him a position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 156.**

From [**Pierrè André**] **Gargaz.** 1783. March 2. Thèze.

Desires Franklin to procure from the King letters of rehabilitation, so that he may be reinstated in his old position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 157.**

From **J. de Sparre.** 1783. March 3.

If Franklin still desires to open a printing establishment in America, will come to Paris with M. Fournier [le jeune] and talk over the plan. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 158.**

From [**Lieut.**] **St. Clair** [**de Roslin**]. 1783. March 3. Paris.

Had no doubt, on coming to Paris, that Franklin would endorse his application for indemnity; has had no dinner for two days; hopes Franklin will put him in the way of returning to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 159.**

From ——— **Bachelier.** 1783. March 3. Paris.

Congratulating him on the peace. He and Madame Bachelier desire Franklin's presence at dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 160.**

From [**René Georges**] **Gastellier.** 1783. March 3. Montargis.

His gratitude for the kind manner in which Franklin received the dedication of his book. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 161.**

From **Comte de Windisch-Grätz.** 1783. March 3. Brussels.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind approval of his plan; surprised that the copies have not come to hand. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 162.**

From ——— **Du Radier.** 1783. March 4. Nantes.

Reported that Franklin is looking for workmen who will make cotton fabrics in America. Offers his services as well as those of two of his friends; if he receives a favorable reply, will unfold his plan in detail. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 163.**

From **A. F. W. Crome.** 1783. March 4. Dessau.

Intends writing a book which will contain an enumeration of all the productions of the United States and which will show the economic condition of that country; it will be on the same plan as his work on the productions of Europe. Desires any advice and information he will communicate on this subject. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 164.

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. March 5. Nantes.

Concerning an *arrêt* published by the King, suspending for a year the payment of all bills drawn by the Marine in America; the serious loss this will mean to him if carried out; encloses a letter to the Minister which he begs Franklin to forward at once with his support and recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 130.**

From **[Lieut.] St. Clair [de Roslin].** 1783. March 5. Paris.

Unless Franklin furnishes him with the means of returning to America, he must enlist as a private in the French service. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXVII, 166.

From **Roze de Chantoiseau.** 1783. March 5. Paris.

Hopes Franklin's silence is not caused by disapproval of his plan for a National Bank; realizes that it is far from a state of perfection; but hoped it could be put in use. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 167.

From **Abbé Vogler.** 1783. March 5. Paris.

Had the honor of explaining to Franklin his new musical theory; his instrument, the Tonometer, approved by the Academy of Sciences; desires Franklin's presence at the presentation of his opera entitled "Patriotism." Recommending a rich merchant of Mayence for the position of American Agent. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXVII, 168.

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1783. March 6. Paris.

Mr. Nairne's patent machines are put up for Dr. Franklin; death of Dr. [William] Hunter. Propriety of bringing Dr. Priestley forward again for the vacant seat in the Academy of Sciences. Reminding Dr. Franklin of his brother's request for introductory letters for Mr. John Darby and Mr. Grigby. Day appointed for the Duc de Chaulnes to meet Dr. Franklin at Mr. Hoffman's. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 169.**

From **The Ambassador of Spain.** 1783. March 6. Paris.

Accepts his invitation for himself and Chevalier del Campo. Will acquaint Vicomte de la Herreria of Franklin's polite intentions. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 55.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. March 6. London.

Enclosing a draft of a Bill now in the House which will doubtless pass into a law for restoring trade between England and America, also a letter from the Earl of Buchan. Appointment of [Sir William] Jones as one of the Judges in Bengal. The prisoners at last ordered away to France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 170.**

From **Laval & Wilfilsheim.** 1783. March 6. Paris.

Desire to know if a letter sent by them reached him safely. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 172.**

From **Alexandre Andronique Gika.** 1783. March 6. Paris.

Offers his services to the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 173.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1783. March 7.

Requested by the Royal Society of Medicine to send Franklin the enclosed tickets for the public meeting. The Society anxious to open correspondence with the College of Medicine in Boston; the diploma sent to Mr. [John] Adams. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 174.**

From **Antoine-François Salucci and fils.** 1783. March 7. Leghorn.

The declaration of peace and the independence of America offer to Tuscany the opportunity of entering into commercial relations with America; favorable situation of their port; their desire to send two of their vessels to Philadelphia as soon as possible; begs Franklin to recommend their house to Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 175.**

From **Charles Paleske.** 1783. March 7. Danzig.

Wishes to know what encouragement will be given to would-be settlers in America; desires the names of the principal maritime towns of the United States, to which they may send their ships and cargoes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 176.**

From ——— **de Lafosse.** 1783. March 7. Bruges.

Desires to emigrate to America with his family. Describes his project for drawing up a code of laws; renounced it on hearing that Franklin proposed to carry out a similar undertaking. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 177.**

From **Tourton & Ravel.** 1783. March 7. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from M. Schutze of Berlin to Mr. Bache. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 178.**

From **Baronne d'Ahax.** 1783. March 8. Paris.

Desiring to know who Mr. Jéngnis[?] really is. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 179.**

From ——— **Morizot.** 1783. March 8. Paris.

Recommending M. [André] Chester for the position of Consul at Marseilles; if the Marquis de la Fayette has returned, is sure he will interest himself in his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 180.**

From **Viau & Vineau.** 1783. March 8. Nantes.

Claiming their share of prize-money from the "Pallas." L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 181.**

From **F[rançois] Félix Nogaret and others (members of a Masonic Lodge).** 1783. March 8. Paris.

Desiring Franklin's presence at the dedication of their new Temple. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 182.**

From **Heroquelle Hermans.** 1783. March 9. Saint-Pol.

Offering all the fabrics in his manufactory at the same prices for which he sells them at home; asks for the name of some American merchant of good standing with whom they can transact business. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 183.**

From ——— **Ferrier.** 1783. March 9. Lille.

Desires to know if America offers any encouragement to Genevese who wish to establish themselves there as clock and watch makers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 184.**

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From **François de Launey.** 1783. March 9. Laval.

Prejudicial effect of peace on their linen trade with the United States; question of a free admission of tobacco into France; unusual quantity of this commodity consumed by the French. Result of taxing this product; injury to the manufactories of Laval; begs Franklin to report the state of the case to the Ministers of the King. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Copy.) **XXVII, 185.**

From **Vincent et fils.** 1783. March 9. Ganges.

Announcing the intention on the part of many of their countrymen to emigrate to America; desire to know what advantages they will receive. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 185½.**

From ——— **De Lafreté.** 1783. March 10. Paris.

Again recommends M. Gallard to Franklin's kind attention. He and his wife in daily expectation of seeing Franklin at dinner. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 186.**

From **Ehrenhold Fredric Biedermann.** 1783. March 11. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to name a time when he may talk to him about commercial relations between Saxony and America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 187.**

From ——— **[De] Pinelli, née Costanzia.** 1783. March 12. Honskotte.

Offering his services to America as engineer. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 188.**

From ——— **Bonzon.** 1783. March 13. Trévoux.

Desires the names of the principal movers in the Revolution, the Generals, etc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 189.**

From **[Jonathan] Nesbitt.** 1783. March 13.

Request for a pass for Mr. Bacon. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXIV, 107.**

From [**Major**] **Anthony Mikoviny.** 1783. March 13. London.

Obliged to give up his commission and leave Hungary on account of an unfortunate affair; his desire to establish himself in America. Offers his services to the Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 190.**

From [**Dr.**] **John Calder.** 1783. March 13. [London?]

Introducing Lieut.-Gen. [Robert] Melvill, who is appointed to negotiate on behalf of himself and his fellow sufferers in Tabago, the scapegoats of their country who have been transferred with the Island without any stipulation in favor of their rights and properties. Gave up his profession and has ever since been a private member of the Church of Unitarian Christians in Essex; his intention some day of transporting himself and his books to America; the latter in any event shall be ultimately deposited in the Library [Company of Philadelphia] founded by Franklin. His interest in the Constitution of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVII, 191.**

From **J[ohn] Whitehurst.** 1783. March 13. London.

Congratulating Franklin on the restoration of peace and the natural rights of mankind in America; his wishes for the prosperity of the provinces. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 192.**

From **A[ugust] F[riedemann] Rühle von Lilienstern.** 1783. March 14. Dillenburg near Wezlar.

Has plans of colonization. (See LIX, 9, page 45.) Mentions Count Wiedrunkel. Fears English emissaries may send his emigrants to Canada. A. L. S. 4 p. (In German.) **LIX, 69.**

From **Marquis du Saillant.** 1783. March 14. Paris.

Apologizing for having opened a letter addressed to Dr. Franklin, under the impression that it was for himself. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 194.**

From [**Comte**] **de Sarsfield.** 1783. March 14. Paris.

Asking Franklin for the letter of recommendation promised to the Lady Juliana Penn, whose son [John] is about to go to Pennsylvania. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 195.**

From **Johann Wilhelm and Johann Gottfried Spangenberg.** 1783. March 14. Ruhla, Henneberg County, Saxony.

During the war they sent many guns indirectly to America. Offer to supply new and uniform fire-arms. Mention of Johann Friedrich Droop in Hamburg. L. S. 4 p. (In German.) **LIX, 48.**
The same. (In English.) **XXVII, 193.**

From ——— **de Boisroger.** 1783. March 14. Chartres.

Is Secretary to the King and Honorary Inspector of the Manufactories of France; takes the liberty of recommending M. Chauveau, who desires to enter Franklin's service for life, in whatever capacity he may think fit to employ him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 196.**

From **Henrietta Maria Colden.** 1783. March 14. Douglas, Isle of Man.

Soliciting Franklin's protection for her infant sons, natives of New York; compelled by the death of her husband Richard Nicholls Colden, eldest son of Alexander Colden, and the distresses and calamities of war to leave America in 1778, and with her two children came to her father in the Isle of Man; thinks they should still be received under the protection of the Governor of New York and possess their rights of inheritance; relies on Franklin's intercession. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 197.**

From [**Emiland Marie**] **Gauthey.** 1783. March 14. Paris.

Franklin has no doubt read the prospectus sent him by M. Dufourny de Villiers, concerning the diffusion of sound through tubes; desires to know Franklin's opinion on the subject, and to adorn his list with Franklin's name. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 198.**

From ——— **Carrouge.** 1783. March 15. Monceaux.

Recommending a man for the position of private secretary; his desire to go to America and have a free passage to Boston. Many artisans in his parish who would willingly go to America if there is any demand for them there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 199.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1783. March 15. London.

Introducing Mr. Mackinnen to whom his father-in-law, Mr. [William] Manning, desires to be useful. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 200.**

From **Joly de Fleury.** 1783. March 15. Paris.

Question of certain bills of exchange; a positive assurance of their being paid at the expiration determined by the decree of the King's Council. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **XXVII, 201.**

From **Peter Boillat and others.** 1783. March 15. St. Malo.

Commanded the privateer "Laurens" and was taken by a sloop-of-war "The Germain" on the coast of America; plundered of everything and imprisoned on board the "Old Jersey"; made his escape and came to St. Malo, where for three months he has been given board and lodging by a poor Irishman; four American sailors there in the like situation; begs for forty guineas to pay their debts and to enable them to go on board the ship "Pacifique," bound to Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 202.**

From **Le Duc de Nivernois.** 1783. March 16.

Recommending M. Dupin Dassart who is about to leave for America to settle there. Requests Franklin also to recommend his protégé to Mme. Izard, who is returning to America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 162.**

From ——— **Saunier.** 1783. March 17. Paris.

Sends him an ode on the return of peace. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 203.**

From **Marion fréres.** 1783. March 17. St. Malo.

Sending a petition from some unfortunate Americans who desire to return to America on the ship "Pacifique"; sorry they are unable to employ these men on the voyage and thus procure them a free passage; offering to take them as passengers. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 204.**

From **Col. [Jean Florimel Langlois] Du Bouchet.** 1783. March 17. Paris.

Messages from his friends in Philadelphia; all his relations and friends in perfect health; desires to know when he may wait on Franklin and introduce Major-General [de] Béville, Lieut.-Col. of the American riflemen who, after the surrender of Burgoyne, called on Franklin at Passy; hopes he will not be less welcome since the taking of a second British army. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXVII, 205.**

From **J. P. Viollier.** 1783. March 17. Geneva.

Desiring some information of M. Denis Pallard, former Captain of their garrison, who left for America several years before; since then nothing has been heard of him; has been appointed guardian to his children; M. Pallard reported to have died in Charleston; encloses a memoir [2 p.], setting forth all that is known of that gentleman's movements. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 206.**

From ——— **de Cock.** 1783. March 17. Brussels.

Recommending a Flemish painter, Herreyns, who has painted many pictures for the King at London, and is well-known among French artists. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 203½.**

From **[Antoine Alexis François] Cadet-de-Vaux.** 1783. March 19. Paris.

M. Robillard has made some interesting observations on America; understood from him that the Americans, for the most part, use unleavened bread; suggests the opening of a correspondence between the School of Bakery and the [American Philosophical] Society of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 207.**

From **Comte de Weed.** 1783. March 19. Neuwied.

Congratulating Franklin on the great results of his work. Recommends various products of their arts and manufactures which would be suitable for trade with the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 208.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1783. March 19. London.

Disappointed at Franklin postponing his trip to England. Is now no longer regarded as "the old mad woman" but "the ingenious Mrs. Wright from America who told us the truth." Intentions of Members of Parliament to call a Committee of Safety. The death of her son Joseph, as well as of Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson, has prevented her writing very often. News of Governor Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 209.**

From **M. Guillaume.** 1783. March 19. Morlaix.

Desiring to follow his trade of machinist in America; requesting a passport and his passage over as well as a letter which will procure him certain advantages. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 210.**

From ——— **de Pio.** 1783. March 20. Paris.

Has twelve copies of the Chevalier Filangieri's work entitled "Scienza della Legislazione"; waits Franklin's orders before sending them. Begs to know if the new medal struck off for America is finished, and if he can have one. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XXVII, 211.

From **Comtesse de Forbach, La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.**

[*Circa* 1783.] March 20.

Is just leaving for Versailles. Sends him a little memoir which was recommended to her. Will occupy her new house on her return. Expects Franklin will call to see her there and win a few games of chess. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 251.**

From **James Moylan.** 1783. March 21. L'Orient.

Has delivered Franklin's despatches to the Captain of the frigate bound for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 212.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1783. March 21. London.

By the desire of some of the honest members of Parliament, encloses proposals for a very useful weekly paper (which is much wanted at this time); no truth to be found in the newspapers. This new paper by franks and friends will find its way to all ranks of men; names of those who are interested. Is now quite in fashion; several noblemen called that day at her house. Her prayers for the "industrious, honest-hearted, weak English"; the honorable part France has acted, and the light from America have opened their eyes. They only want his help to bring peace and happiness to them again; begs Franklin to write to the members of Parliament and point out their proper course as regards the Articles of Peace. Great talk of a Committee of Safety; names of those spoken of in this connection. Desire of thousands to settle in America; this is probably why no Minister has been appointed. All his old friends in England rejoice in the hope of seeing him once more amongst them. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 213.**

From **Alexandre Androni[qu]e Gika.** 1783. March 21. Paris.

His services in the Russian army; M. de Castries's promise to employ him in the King's service; has already waited six months; pre-

fers offering his services to the United States. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 213½.**

From **Nicolaus ab Albrecht.** 1783. March 22. Bergamo, Italy.

Congratulates him upon the glorious success which has at last crowned his high undertakings. Informs him that he has knowledge of some bankers in Italy who might supply the American Commonwealth with some millions of florins at five per cent. interest; by means of the said bankers he could also obtain a few million copper coins. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 47.**

Translation of the same. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 56.**

From **Comte de Vergennes.** 1783. March 22. Versailles.

Sends copy of reply of the Marquis de Castries with reference to a seizure of funds belonging to the American frigate "Alliance" by a merchant of Bordeaux to satisfy a claim. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 25.**

From **Baron de La Marck et Stein.** 1783. March 23. Stein.

Account of his flattering reception in America; left his youngest son in Boston with M. Martin Brimmer, that he might acquire the language and a knowledge of commerce. Desires to establish a business house in America for purposes of trade; begs for letters to certain French merchants; if he returns to America will take with him many would-be settlers. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 214.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. March 23. Nantes.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind espousal of his cause with M. [Joly] de Fleury; finds the Minister will not grant the desired exception. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 131.**

From **[Cordier] de Crouss.** 1783. March 23.

Induced by family troubles to seek solace in the land of liberty; asks for a passage for himself and four or five of his laborers. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 215.**

From **Joachim Heinrich Ludewig.** 1783. March 23. Bützow.

Desires a position as professor of the German and Dutch languages at the University of Philadelphia, or as teacher of the historical and political sciences. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVII, 216.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1783. March 24. Paris.

Sending him the rough draft of a letter agreed upon yesterday; advises Franklin to hand it himself to the Comte de Vergennes the next day, or to speak to him about it. Adds his recommendation for the place of the United States Consul at Fécamp. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 217.**

From ——— **Poma.** 1783. March 24. Lorraine.

Desires to settle in America and practise medicine there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 218.**

From **Ehrenhold Fredric Biedermann.** 1783. March 24. Paris.

Reminding him of his promise to send him letters of recommendation to business houses in Philadelphia and Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 219.**

From ——— **Mazue.** 1783. March 24. Marseilles.

His merchandise in America paid for in paper money, which is worthless; desires to know if Congress will give him the equivalent in land of the amount he lost. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 220.**

From **Herman Heyman's Sons.** 1783. March 24. Bremen.

Their vessel, the "Batavia," will leave for Charleston in about three weeks to bring back a cargo of rice; offering to carry anything over Franklin may wish to send. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVII, 221.**

From [Dr.] **I. MacMahon.** 1783. March 25.

Introducing Mme. d'Herbigny, the daughter of Sir Walter Rutledge, an Irish gentleman; her desire to obtain a recommendation to the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 222.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. March 25. Paris.

Hears that the Americans intend raising a statue to the glory of the King; would be flattered to receive a commission for this monument. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 223.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1783. March 26. Paris.

An account of certain changes in the administration. Meeting of a committee of American merchants and the address they drew up for the King. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 224.**

From [**Marquis Chartier de**] **Lotbinière.**
1783. March 26. Paris.

Concerning his two seignories at the head of Lake Champlain; memoir which the Comte de Vergennes will hand Franklin on this subject; begs that the papers may be returned to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 225.**

From [**Robert**] **de Cotte.** 1783. March 26. Paris.

Concerning the medals ordered by Franklin to be struck; account of a new metal imitating silver, which has been tried and found wanting. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 226.**

From **Devoute fréres.** 1783. March 26. Marseilles.

Sums owing to the firm by the United States; desires Franklin's advice as to the steps they must take to receive payment. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 171.**

From [**Madame**] **Rutledge d'Herbigny.** 1783. March 26. Paris.

Account of the Rutledges and how they were ruined in the Stuart cause; a paralytic brother and a mother dependent on her; her husband a French officer and they have one child; desires the Comte de Vergennes to intercede with the King to procure her a pension; a Mr. Rutledge, a relation of hers, a member of the Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 227.**

From **Fr[ancis] Hopkinson.** 1783. March 27. Philadelphia.

Manner in which the news of peace was received in America. Report of Franklin's intended return to America. His piece respecting

trees. An account of a new game of cards he devised for the improvement of his children's spelling. A long letter he wrote to Franklin concerning a plot of Hopkinson's supposed friends to ruin him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVII, 228.**

From ——— **Ferry.** 1783. March 28. Marseilles.

His admiration for Franklin's discoveries and experiments; however believes that they do not rest on sufficient physical grounds; a long explanation of his own beliefs and observations, with remarks on Franklin's theory. A. L. S. 18 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 229.**

From **Ginette frères & Luc Laugier.** 1783. March 28. Marseilles.

Concerning the capture of their brigantine, the "Maria Theresa," by an English corsair, and its recapture by a frigate belonging to the United States, by whom it was carried to Boston; enclosing a copy [3 p.] of the official records entered at St. Pierre by the officers of the "Maria Theresa"; also a request for the restitution of the brigantine, by Pléville Le Pelley [1 p.]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 230.**

From [**Major**] **W. A. von Steuben.** 1783. March 29. Cüstrin.

Request to forward a letter to his son. Has not heard from General von Steuben. Doubts whether his letters have reached him. A. L. S. (by proxy). 2 p. **LIX, 45.**

From **Rob[er]t Strange.** 1783. March 29. Paris.

Congratulations on the success of his glorious and indefatigable labors. A letter from Mrs. Strange in London mentions a visit from Franklin's son. Intends setting out for London on Thursday. Commits the enclosed letters to Franklin's care. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVII, 231.**

From **P[ier]r[e] Bũyck.** 1783. March 29. Gand.

Concerning a letter of exchange on which he wishes to realize the money. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 232.**

From **Dufourny de Villiers.** 1783. March 29. Paris.

Introducing M. de Quernay,[1] Colonel in the Engineer Corps, who commanded at the siege of Yorktown. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 233.**

[1] de la Combe de Querenet. (*See* Balch, The French in America during the War of Independence. II, 209, Philadelphia, 1895.)

From ——— ———. 1783. March 29.

Requests him to forward the enclosed letter to his son; asks him to acknowledge the receipt of his letters. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 57.**

From **Froger de Larigaudière.** 1783. March 30. Paris.

About according a free port to the Seudre river and the Isle of Oléron. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 234½.**

From [**Joseph**] **Bartoli.** 1783. March 30. Paris.

His Italian verses, first printed in London, which predicted the success of the Americans in the late war; sends Franklin a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 234.**

From **H. Adolphe Hoffmeister.** 1783. March 31. Heidelberg.

Profits by Franklin's kindness to his brother-in-law and to himself to send him the enclosed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 235.**

From ——— **Horn.** 1783. March 31. St. Petersburg.

Seeking the position of American Consul or Minister. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 236.**

From **Vicomte de Lomagne-Tarride.** 1783. March 31. Orthez.

Begs Franklin to grant him, at once, land in America sufficient for himself and several of his vassals; desires the colony to bear Franklin's name; thinks his demand justified by his military services in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVII, 237.**

From **J—— H——.** 1783. March 31. Dublin.

Having observed in the public print the intention of the United States Commissioners in Paris to appoint agents in several of the ports of Great Britain, to correspond and regulate such matters as may be necessary between the two countries, the writer takes the liberty of offering his services to act as Agent for the port of Dublin or for Waterford or for both. States his claims and qualifications. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLIV, 58.**

From **Comte de Beaujeu.** 1783. April 1. Champtille.

Sent Franklin a medal in silver gilt to be forwarded to Gen. Washington; joined to this a military chanson in honor of Franklin and Washington; begs for an acknowledgment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 1.**

From **F[rançois] Félix Nogaret.** 1783. April 1. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's recommendation of him to the Marquis of Serreul, for the position of Librarian. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 2.**

From **The Burgomasters and Senators of the Republic of Hamburg.** 1783. April 1.

Begging him to aid their merchants in forming commercial relations in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 3.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. April 2.

M. de Crevecoeur in great embarrassment from not having received Franklin's expected reply; importance of having it before his interview with M. de Castries. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 4.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1783. April 3. Paris.

Desiring to borrow a sum of money for which he encloses a bill on his brother William. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 5.**

From **J—— F——.** 1783. April 3. Wicklow.

His offer to further the interest of the United States and Ireland; this he will be able to do from his general knowledge of trade and of the commerce of both countries; articles whose export to America would prove profitable. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVIII, 6.**

From **Jona[than] Williams [Sr.].** 1783. April 3. London.

Account of his arrival in London and the great civility shown him by Messrs. Vaughan, Hodgson and Laurence. Some facts about the new Ministry. Told it will take some time to remove all the King's troops from America. Death of Mrs. Stevenson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 6½.**

From **A[ugust] Fr[iedemann] Rühle von Lilienstern.** 1783. April 3. Dillenburg.

Concerning German colonists to be sent to the United States. Has asked previously and fears colonists will apply to an English Agent or to Count Romanzow, Russian Ambassador at Frankfort. Wishes to be appointed United States Minister to various German districts. Plan of colonization. A. L. S. 7 p. (In German.) **LIX, 9.**

From ——— **Dubeaucage.** 1783. April 4. Marseilles.

His plan to establish a business house in America; begs for Franklin's advice and protection. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 7.**

From ——— **Desbrossée.** 1783. April 4. Le Mans.

Desires to go to America under Franklin's protection and procure a position as engineer or architect. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 8.**

From **And[re]w Kirwan.** 1783. April 5. Passy.

His distressed situation; hopes Franklin will assist him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 9.**

From [**Comte**] **de Vergennes.** 1783. April 5. Versailles.

Consenting to the publication in Paris of a translation of the Constitution of the United States, on condition that the sheets be forwarded to a censor for examination as fast as they shall be printed. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 9½.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 508).

From ——— **Coquillot.** 1783. April 6. Paris.

Offering his verses on peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 10.**

From **Dominique-François Belletti.** 1783. April 7. Trieste.

Discusses his plan of forming a commercial alliance between Austria and America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 11.**

From [Charlotte de] **Bournon, [Comtesse] de Malarme.** 1783. April 7. Paris.

Her enthusiasm for America; sends a copy of her second work; whatever remuneration he chooses to make for it will be gratefully received. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 12.**

From **The Municipality of Port Louis.** 1783. April 7.

Sending a memoir on their port; well adapted for a depot for the trade of the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LV, 26.**

From **Catharine Turner.** 1783. April 7. Leigh (Lancaster, Eng.).

She married his nephew, John Mecom, and was a long time in his house in Philadelphia with Mrs. Franklin and Mrs. Bache; after Mr. Mecom's death, married Mr. Turner who died from wounds received in the war. Anxious to return to her native land and if possible procure a pension as the widow of an American officer. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 13.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. April 8. Vienna.

Desires to know if Franklin received his letters, one with a new cast of his profile framed, another requesting to dedicate his book to him. No word received from [Samuel] Wharton or [Francis] Coffyn. Asks his advice about the safety of some money placed in the Public Loan Office at Boston. Question of Franklin's coming to Vienna. Readiness of the Emperor to acknowledge the independence of America. Talk of a commercial treaty with America; chief exports. Vexed at the delay in printing his book. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 14.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, IX, 501, Note).

From ——— **Schoel.** 1783. April 8. Ostend.

Has given the necessary directions to prevent Franklin's newspapers from being sent to him in future. Happy to have been of use to Franklin. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 15.**

From ——— **Bourdillon.** 1783. April 8. Montferrand.

Desires to buy a large tract of land near Williamsburg, which he and his family will occupy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 16.**

From ——— **Froger de Larigaudière.** 1783. April 8. Passy.

Relative to a request to the Comte de Vergennes for a free port near the Seudre river. L. in 3d P. (In French.) **XXVIII, 17.**

From **L'Abbé de Floirac.** 1783. April 9. Archbishop's Palace, Paris.

Desire of Mme. la Comtesse d'Anterroches to send her letters to her son in America in Franklin's care. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 18.**

From **William Mackinnen, Jr.** 1783. April 9. Paris.

Concerning two books Mr. Vaughan gave him for Mr. Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 19.**

From **Herbert Jones.** 1783. April 9. Llynon, Anglesea.

Desire of a number of Welshmen to emigrate to America; if Franklin approves, he and others will take to America a colony of at least one thousand people, mostly artificers. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 20.**

From **Godfrey Grosser's Wid[o]w & Co.** 1783. April 10. Leipzig.

Asks for the names of the best merchants in Philadelphia, and other ports, and for a list of the commodities which America most needs. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 21.**

From **Jos[eph] Utzschneider.** 1783. April 10. Munich.

Concerning a Bavarian company who are anxious to trade with America. Begs Franklin for information relative to the articles most likely to sell in America and Europe; their intention of sending an agent to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 22.**

From ——— **Galart.** 1783. April 10. Paris.

Will send Franklin a memoir setting forth the advantages which the port of Bayonne can offer to the United States if it were thrown open free to their commerce. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 23.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1783. April 11. Dunkirk.

List of American prisoners whom he assisted with a little money during their stay in Dunkirk; has drawn on Franklin for the amount. Number of vessels despatched to North America since the conclusion of peace; his endeavor to promote the interest of the house of Bache & Shee of Philadelphia. Advantages the Port of Dunkirk offers to the American trade. Asking for a passport for Capt. Coreil's brig which sails for America under American colors. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXVIII, 24.

From **[Phillipe Henri, Marquis] de Ségur.** 1783. April 11. Paris.

Acknowledging the medal sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 25.**

From **Dominique-François Belletti.** 1783. April 11. Trieste.

Intends sending a vessel to America for trade; no commercial treaty between Austria and America; desires to know if he is at liberty to sell his cargo there and purchase another for the return trip. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 26.**

From **[Joseph] Bartoli.** 1783. April 11. Paris.

Acknowledging with enthusiasm Franklin's present of the medal; has attempted to put into verse a description of this ever glorious monument. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 27.**

From ——— **Grivel.** 1783. April 11. Paris.

M. Canolle begs that the letter Franklin promised him may be sent by the post. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 28.**

From **Joly de Fleury.** [1783.] April 11.

Thanking Franklin for sending him the medal. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 180.**

From **Jean and Gaspar Halbach & fils.**
1783. April 11. Remscheid near Cologne.

Begging Franklin to grant them a letter of recommendation to Congress, so that they may receive orders to supply the American army and fleet with arms of all kinds; the reputation of their house; possi-

bility of establishing a house in Philadelphia; enclosing a list of the arms manufactured by them. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXVIII, 29.

From ——— **Amelot.** 1783. April 12. Versailles.

Acknowledging with expressions of gratitude the medal sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 30.**

From **Hilliard d'Auberteuil.** 1783. April 12. Paris.

Begs for the design of the medals struck by order of Congress, and of the mausoleums erected through Franklin's influence; a copy of these designs asked for by the book-seller to the King of Prussia, who is getting out an almanac in commemoration of the glorious revolution. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 31.**

From **Perrot Achyelle.** 1783. April 12. Paris.

Enclosing a memoir from the inhabitants of La Ciotat, asking that their port may enjoy the same liberties and franchises as Bayonne in favor of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXVIII, 32.

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** April 12. 1783.

Thanks Franklin for his fine medal. Asks him to send him the "Treaty with Sweden" and the "Preface," as the printer is waiting for them. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 222.**

From **Comte de Grasse.** 1783. April 13. Paris.

Extremely flattered at receiving the medal sent him by Franklin. Will always remember how fortunate he was in having formed and carried out the project of taking Yorktown. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)[1] **XXVIII, 33.**

[1] An incorrect translation of this letter is printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 263.

From ——— [de] **St. Auban.** 1783. April 13. Paris.

Acknowledging with many thanks the medal sent him by Franklin. He and Madame de St. Auban expect Franklin to dine with them soon after Easter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 34.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** 1783. April 13.

Asking permission to bring a great friend of theirs, M. Delisle, to dine with Franklin. Thanking him for the medal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 52.**

From ——— **de Walterstorff.** [1783.] April 13.

Is prevented from accepting Dr. Franklin's invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 242.**

From **Marquis de Castries.** 1783. April 13. Versailles.

The ship "La Pintade" about to sail for America; begs Franklin to send any packets he may have for that country. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 35.**

From [**Palteau, Chevalier de**] **Veimerange.** 1783. April 13.

Acknowledging, with thanks, the medal sent him by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 36.**

From **Élie de Beaumont.** 1783. April 14. Paris.

Acknowledging, with thanks, the medal sent him by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 37.**

From **Stockar zur Sonnenburg.** 1783. April 14. Schaffhausen.

Criticism of the Abbé Raynal's works and style; prefers to translate the English pamphlets which he owes to Franklin. Recommending a friend who desires to go to America; would be glad to leave for America himself. Their pretended Helvetian freedom is gradually disappearing. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 38.**

From **Dominique-François Belletti.** 1783. April 14. Trieste.

Desiring Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 39.**

From **L. J. de Grobert.** 1783. April 14. Marseilles.

Unable to carry out his project of writing the History of the American Revolution in Italian. Desires to found an asylum in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 40.**

From **Chevalier de Baillivy.** [*Circa* 1783.] April 15. Paris.

He and his brother desire to obtain employment in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 112.**

From **The Ambassador [of the Emperor of Austria].** 1783. April 15. Paris.

Requesting letters of introduction for Professor Märter who is about to set out for America on a tour of the world, having been appointed by the Emperor to secure a collection of animals and plants for His Majesty's zoological and botanical gardens. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LV, 27.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1783. April 15.

Sending the first number of [Simon Nicolas Henri] Linguet's memoir on the Bastille; will send the second and third as soon as they come to hand; begs for their return as soon as Franklin has read them, as they are in great request. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 41.**

From **Philippe de St. Mark.** 1783. April 15. Nantes.

Sending Franklin an ode which he has composed on the peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 42.**

From **Marquis de Castries.** 1783. April 16. Versailles.

Acknowledging the packet sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 43.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1783. April 16. London.

Sending Franklin an abridged edition of the Common Prayer Book. Prefers London to any place he ever saw. Expectation among Franklin's friends of seeing him in England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 43½.**

From **Tho[ma]s Greenleaf.** 1783. April 16. Paris.

Sending a memoir in favor of their compatriot, M. Fanning, detained in the prison at Dunkirk; the cause of this detention is an accusation of theft against some of his crew; protests against such treatment; begs Franklin's intercession with the Minister of the King. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 44.**

From ——— **de Pioger.** 1783. April 17. Abbeville.

Sending a certificate in favor of M. Le Febvre de Villeu. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 45.**

From **Sir James Jay.** [1783?] April 17. Paris.

Begs for a speedy answer to his letter as he leaves Paris in a day or two. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 207.**

From **M. and Mme. de St. Auban.** 1783. April 18. Paris.

Their expectation of entertaining Franklin at dinner on the following Wednesday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 46.**

From **Messrs. de Choisy and de Béville.** 1783. April 18.

Called to thank Franklin for the medal which he sent them. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 246.**

From **Le Comte de Beaujeu.** 1783. April 18. Champlitte.

Thanking him for the medal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 47.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. April 18. Ecole Royale.

Expressing his appreciation of the medal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 48.**

From **J. M. Wintmülle.** 1783. April 18. Hambourg.

The decision of Congress to establish a regular army in America; their offer of a prize for the best kind of powder for cannon, rifles, etc. Recommends a friend who has had a wide military experience and has made many valuable discoveries for the improvement and perfecting of muskets; report that General Washington intends visiting Paris in the spring. Has in his possession a secret method of gilding with imitation gold which in appearance and durability is superior to the real thing. Offers to procure him some books by Scandinavian philosophers. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 49.**

From [**Elkanah**] **Watson** [**, Jr.**]. 1783. April 19. London.

Sending Dr. Franklin a few papers. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 252.**

From **D[aniel] Duchemin.** 1783. April 19. Paris.

Begs Franklin's influence with M. de Ségur that he may be given the Hotel d'Invalide. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 50.**

From **M. and Mme. de St. Auban.** 1783. April 20. Paris.

Extremely sorry not to have the pleasure of Franklin's company at dinner on the day appointed; delighted to receive him on the 25th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 51.**

From **——— de Pio.** 1783. April 20. Paris.

Expressing his gratitude for the medal. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 52.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.**
[1783. April] 21. Paris.

Begging him to dine with them and meet [Charles] Prince de Deux-Ponts, who has a proposition on the part of Bavaria concerning commercial relations with the United States. Often drinks his health with M. de Keralio. Thanking him for the four bottles of hock. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 43.**

From **Marquis de Brancas.** [1783.] April 21. Paris.

Inquires at what hour he can see Franklin to speak to him about a young man in whom he is interested and who is at Philadelphia. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 261.**

From **Mrs. [Ralph] Izard.** 1783. April 21. Paris.

Request for a pass to America for her family and Miss Stead. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXIV, 111.**

From **——— MacIntosh.** 1783. April 22. Paris.

Concerning certain parcels addressed to Dr. Franklin and others by Major [Samuel] White. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 53.**

From **J[acob] Duché, [Jr.].** 1783. April 22. Asylum, Lambeth.

Will abide by Franklin's kind advice and wait with patience to hear from his friends in Philadelphia; left there with the full knowledge and approbation of his congregation; encloses a copy of the ad-

dress sent him by the church-wardens and vestrymen of Christ's Church and St. Peter's in Philadelphia [2 p.]; believes his friends will solicit the Government in favor of his return; has written [John] Dickinson, Robert Morris and Gen. Washington; thinks a word of recommendation from Franklin would carry great weight. His son, aged twenty, is a pupil of Benjamin West and bids fair to become a fine painter; other details about his family. Encloses copy of an extract of a letter he wrote to Francis Hopkinson [8 p.], defending his motives for leaving England and expressing a desire to return to America, in spite of his present comfortable position. A. L. S. 6 p.

XXVIII, 54.

From **Chevalier Charles de Lameth.** 1783. April 22. Paris.

Acknowledging the precious pledge of esteem with which America has honored him; in case of another war, hopes to find more opportunities of deserving so valued a reward. A. L. S. 2 p.

XXVIII, 55.

From ——— **Greissot** [?]. 1783. April 22. Villeneuve.

Enclosing a memoir of Jaques Blanches [2 p.] asking for his share of the prize-money during his cruise on the "South Carolina." L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 56.**

From **Jean Hadenbrock.** 1783. April 22. Bordeaux.

Thanking him for his two letters of recommendation; intends sailing shortly in the "Grand d'Estaing." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XXVIII, 57.

From **Isabella Strange.** 1783. April 23. London.

Thanks him for his care of her correspondence; begs that the enclosed may be forwarded; it contains the copy of a will by which her cousin Mrs. [James] Hunter [of Richmond, Va.], inherits some money by the death of her grandfather the Rev. Dr. Russell. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 58.**

From **Chevalier de Cachard.** 1783. April 23. Marseilles.

Begs him to answer a letter from a poor merchant of Marseilles, whose possession of a considerable sum in American paper money has contributed to his ruin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 59.**

From ——— **De Corny.** 1783. April 23. Paris.

Introducing Mr. D'Acosta, a gentleman of Nantes, who has some business to discuss relative to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 60.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1783. April 24. Dunkirk.

Desires to know whether Capt. Coreil may expect his passport. Sends an account of money advanced to American prisoners. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 61.**

From **Dominique-François Belletti.** 1783. April 25. Trieste.

Concerning his being made an American Consul. Desires an answer relative to the vessel he proposes sending to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 62.**

From ——— **Guinchard.** 1783. April 25. Arpajon.

Electrical treatment of a paralytic, a little girl of two years, with the help of a clever surgeon in his parish; results obtained; begs for Franklin's opinion and advice. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 62½.**

From **Mary Ann Davies.** 1783. April 26. Florence.

Anxious to hear concerning his health and happiness. Grief and trouble through which she and her sister have passed; their recent money loss; death of the Empress Maria Theresa who had always befriended them. Necessity of doing something for her support. Her facility in playing on the armonica; was the first and, she believes, the only successful public player on that instrument; suggests the possibility of being employed permanently by the Queen of France to play for her; begs Franklin's intercession for herself and also for her sister, who would sing in Italian operas or at the Queen's concerts; begs him not to instruct any other player on the armonica, or show them how to make one. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVIII, 63.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. April 26.

Reminding Franklin of their talk about Burgundy; aware that Americans prefer claret. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 64.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. April 26. Paris.

Franklin expected all afternoon and greatly missed by the mistress of the house, her children, [Charles], Prince de Deux-Ponts and his humble servant; the Prince anxious to give Franklin the subjoined letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 65.**

From **François de Brahm.** 1783. April 27. Collence.

On behalf of an anxious family, begs for some news of a beloved son and brother; the last heard from him was a letter written from Philadelphia the year before. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 66.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** [1783.] April 27.

Regretting her inability to give him a cup of tea on Monday; goes to the Italian comedy and then to Versailles for the rest of the week; urges him to dine with them the following week. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 44.**

From ——— **Madlin.** 1783. April 28. Paris.

Advising Dr. Franklin of an account due him by William Temple Franklin for repairs to a cabriolet. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **CV, 49.**

From **Elias Boudinot.** 1783. April 28. Philadelphia.

Recommending Col. [Matthias] Ogden of the New Jersey line; his distinguished conduct in the late war. In daily and anxious expectation of the definitive treaty; no official letters have arrived since February. The terms of peace give universal satisfaction except the article relative to English debts; thinks three or four years at least should be allowed for their payment. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 67.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1783. April 28. London.

Had a long chat with Franklin's son; he looks well but old, and is very prudent; consequence of his being chosen by New Jersey. Is now in fashion at Court and can speak useful truths. The Parliament divided with regard to the loyalists and the justice of their claims on the King. Nothing will be settled till Franklin makes them a visit. The Prince of Wales called on them on Friday. Lord Dartmouth and

others employ her son-in-law to paint their portraits. Major Labilliere has the Christian army almost ready; he calls himself a Christian soldier. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 68.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. April 29. Vienna.

Introducing Mr. James Robertson. A description of his experiments in electricity. Unaccountable delay of M. Le Bègue de Presle in printing his manuscript; in case he is sick or dead, begs Franklin to engage M. Le Roy to undertake the business. Question of Franklin's visit to Vienna; adulation he will meet with; will try and prevent its being burdensome. Desired by Count Lacy, Maréchal of their armies, to ask Franklin whether the famous sculptor, M. Ceraqui of Rome, could be employed in America for making statues, busts and monuments, which will doubtless be erected to their eminent men. Regrets the choice of Ministers made by the King of England. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVIII, 69.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1783. April 29. Philadelphia.

Introducing Col. Matthias Ogden of the New Jersey Brigade. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 70.**

From **[Gerard van de] Brantsen.** 1783. April 29. Paris.

Sending Franklin a letter which arrived for him from Vienna. Acknowledging his gift of the medal, a precious monument of a great epoch. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 71.**

From **Tho[ma]s Roberts.** 1783. April 29. Dunkirk.

Commanded several privateers under the American and French flags; account of his capture and imprisonment in England; obtained his liberty and returned to Dunkirk; out of employment and destitute of means; begs for a commission to sail under American colors. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 72.**

From **[Baron Otto] de Blome.** 1783. April 30. Paris.

Sent Franklin's letter to the Baron de Rosencrone. Acknowledging the gift of the medal. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 73.**

From **François Geay.** 1783. April 30. Philadelphia.

Deserted from the French service about forty years before; spent two years in Holland, and since then has been a citizen in America; question of his inheriting a French estate; begs Franklin to obtain the necessary letters of pardon to enable him to enjoy this inheritance. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 74.**

From **Vicomte de La Houssaye.** 1783. May 1. Rennes.

As the Chief Treasurer of the War Department in the Province of Brittany, sent many millions to Boston; in consideration of his services, asks that he may receive a medal celebrating America's independence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 76.**

From ——— **Garos.** 1783. May 1. Fontenay-le-Comte.

Account of François Geay's desertion from the French army; has fallen heir to an estate which he may not inherit because of this; begs Franklin to obtain his pardon. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 77.**

From **Cordier de Crouss.** 1783. May 2. Laon.

His desire to emigrate to America with his family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 78.**

From **Samuel Vaughan.** 1783. [1784?] May 3. Philadelphia.

Sends the petition [2 p., dated March 12, 1784] presented to the Assembly of Pennsylvania, it being a joint request from the American Philosophical Society and the Library Company of Philadelphia for greater convenience in their accommodations; mentions certain lots on State House Square as most suitable for the design intended; opposition to this request; thinks a letter from Franklin arriving before the motion is made would have great influence. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 75.**

From [**Comte de**] **Sarsfield.** 1783. May 4. Paris.

Begging for letters of recommendation for Jacques Mazurié, who intends establishing a commercial house at Philadelphia. Apologizing for an indiscreet question he asked Franklin. Concerning certain French officers who were present at the defeat of Lord Cornwallis and who propose asking Franklin to present them with the medal; will dissuade them from this step if Franklin wishes it. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 79.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1783. May 5. Paris.

Sending Franklin three hundred copies of the description of the medal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 80.**

From **Anthony Benezet.** 1783. May 5. Philadelphia.

Sending him a petition from François Geay; does not doubt Franklin's kind interposition in the poor fellow's behalf. Sends him a small collection on the simplicity of the Christian religion, which is worthy of serious consideration; refers to certain events mentioned in those pages, especially to the killing of one hundred Christianized and friendly Indians by the whites. Pronounces a tirade against war. After teaching the youth of Philadelphia for nearly forty years, has obtained the office of teacher of the black children and others of that people; his opinion of the infamous traffic in slaves; intends publishing a paper on the evils of slavery; quotes the Abbé Raynal; strongly desires Franklin's return. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVIII, 81.**

From **Daniel Astruc.** 1783. May 6. Bordeaux.

Enclosing a bill [1 p.] against the Sieur Grive of New England, who bought certain merchandise of him, and then left without paying; begs Franklin to find out his present whereabouts. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 82.**

From **[John Francis] Beyerlé de Fachevert.** 1783. May 9. Philadelphia.

Franklin's kindness in furnishing him with letters of introduction for America; emboldened by this to ask his influence with his uncle, Major-General de Beyerlé, to send him enough money to purchase a piece of land and the animals, implements, etc., to work it; begs Franklin to represent to his uncle the disagreeable consequences which will result from his refusal; may draw a letter of exchange on Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 83.**

From **Mr. [William] and Miss Wilkinson.** 1783. May 9. Paris.

Will do themselves the honor of dining with Dr. Franklin on the following Sunday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 84.**

From **Sebastian Hartwig.** 1783. May 9. Gotha.

Wants a loan, which his brother in America will refund. Encloses letter for his brother. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 68.**

From **William Wilkinson.** 1783. May 9. Paris.

Asking for letters of introduction for Mr. Philip Nicklin, an English gentleman, who intends establishing, in Philadelphia, a house in the linen trade in connection with that of Dickinson, Lloyd & Nicklin in London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 85.**

From ——— **Artaud.** 1783. May 10. Avignon.

Thinks Franklin will find in his writings an excuse for the request he now makes for a medal celebrating the independence of America; it will be cherished in his family as an heirloom. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 86.**

From ——— **de Pavola.** 1783. May 10. Marseilles.

Concerning the desire expressed by M. Jerome Manfrin, a rich merchant of Venice, to entertain Franklin during his rumored visit to that city; charged with conveying this invitation. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 87.**

From **Mme. de Cologan.** [1783.] May 11.

Regrets to be unable to dine with Franklin to-day. Sends him some bottles of wine from the Canary Islands produced on the estate of M. de Cologan. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 247.**

From **Baronne d'Ahax.** 1783. May 12. Paris.

Desiring a private interview with Franklin as she is in need of his advice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. His time so limited that appointments to see persons on their private affairs often prove inconvenient; begs la Baronne to state her affair in writing. **XXVIII, 88.**

From ——— **Boers.** 1783. May 12. Paris.

Always honored by Franklin's commands and ready to carry them out to the best of his abilities. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 89.**

From **C. F. Schmidt.** 1783. May 13. Friderichsberg near Coppenhagen.

Asks questions relating to emigration. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 67.**

From **Comte de Proli.** 1783. May 14. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to give him a passport for his ship "La Capricieuse," and a letter of recommendation for her Captain. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 90.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1783. May 14. London.

Sails for Boston by the first ship; business connected with Mrs. Mecom. Disappointment of Franklin's friends should he fail to visit England. If Franklin takes passage to Boston, begs that he will stay at his house. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 90½.**

From ——— **Lanoue.** [1783.]? May 14. Paris.

Is the inventor of a flying machine, which does not at all resemble Mr. Blanchard's; its construction will cost but ten louis; begs Franklin to defray this expense and enjoy with him the subsequent success. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 174.**

From ——— **de Walterstorff.** 1783. May 14. Paris.

Returning the Constitutions of the United States; these laws, if executed with the same spirit of philosophy and sound policy which framed them, will insure constant happiness to the country. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 91.**

From **Nath[aniel] Falconer.** 1783. May 15. London.

Has just arrived from Philadelphia; if Franklin has any commands will be glad to execute them. Left Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] B(e)ach[e] well. Delighted at the report of Franklin's intended return to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 92.**

From ——— **Gelatte.** 1783. May 15. Bouguenais.

Offers his services to America in his capacity of surgeon; would like a position in some hospital or town. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 93.**

From **Ginette fréres & Lui Laugier.** 1783. May 15. Marseilles.

Hoping that Franklin will forward their interests in a certain affair. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 93½.**

From **The "Intendant of Lyons."** 1783. May 15. Paris.

Recommending M. Dainval, a merchant of Lyons, as Agent for the United States in the latter city. Is recommended also by the Marquis de Vergennes. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 59.**

From [**Comte de**] **Maillebois.** [1783.] May 15. Paris.

Reproaches himself for not personally acknowledging the medal sent him by Franklin. Asks for letters of recommendation for the bearer, M. de Banne, who is about to sail for America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Directing that he be given letters to Dr. [Samuel] Cooper, Gen. [Nathanael] Greene and Mr. [Robert R.] Livingston. **XLI, 67.**

From **J. A. C. Sie[c]k.** 1783. May 15. Berlin.

Wishes employment as Postmaster in the United States. Refers to secret information, in his possession, concerning the United States. (See LIX, 22 and 24, pp. 97 and 99.) A. L. S. 2 p. (In German.) **LIX, 63.**

From ——— **de Illens.** 1783. May 16. Marseilles.

Transcribes a copy of his letter of January 31st, 1783; begs Franklin to answer it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 94.**

From **Ann Ourry.** 1783. May 16. Kinsale.

Feels sure that Franklin will serve her father's unfortunate family; encloses a line from Mr. Fagan, certifying to her distress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 95.**

From ——— **Denans.** 1783. May 16. La Seyne.

Concerning the two free ports in Europe to be accorded to the United States; one must be on the ocean and the other on the Mediterranean; difficulty of making a wise choice among so many applicants; strongly in favor of La Seyne in the Bay of Toulon for the Mediterranean sea-port; tremendous advantage of its situation. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 96.**

From **J. A. C. Sie[c]k.** 1783. May 17. Berlin.

Refers to letter of May 15. Asks for £12 travelling expenses. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 65.**

From **S. P. Arle** [?]. 1783. May 17. Port-la-Vigne.

Writes on behalf of a friend, a surgeon who desires to pursue his calling in America in some assured position. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 97.**

From ——— **Paillet.** 1783. May 17. Versailles.

Begs Franklin to help him to an occupation; his love of voyaging; difficulty of obtaining a place in France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 98.**

From ——— **de Francke.** 1783. May 18. Strasbourg.

Report that the United States intends having a quantity of cannon made in France; offers to arrange the whole business. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 100.**

From **Chevalier de Berruyer.** 1783. May 18. Chateau de St. Fromond.

Account of his services in America; money he lost in these praiseworthy efforts; account of the whole affair, and the justice of his claims; begs Franklin to write to the French Ministers in his favor. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 101.**

From **John Adams.** 1783. May 19. Paris.

Several things requiring the deliberation of the American Ministers; proposes a meeting at the Hotel du Roi the next day at eleven. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 102.**

From [**Frauché de**] **Clairval.** 1783. May 19. Paris.

Franklin's kindness in promising his protection for the establishment of a play-house in Philadelphia; report that many Deputies from the United States are at present with Franklin; desires that his project may be placed before them. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 103.**

From **James Walsh.** 1783. May 20. Dunkirk.

His services in American navy; imprisoned in England and escaped; married in Bedford County; his destitute condition; begs assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 104.**

From [**Mme.**] **Rutledge d'Herbigny.** 1783. May 20. Rheims.

Thanking him for his assistance in procuring her pension; the smallness of the sum does not impair her gratitude. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 105.**

From **M. de Walterstorff.** [1783?] May 20.

Inviting him to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 243 and 244.**

From [**Pierre**] **Chabrit.** 1783. May 20. Paris.

Sending to the law giver of the New World the first volume concerning the laws of the great people of the Old World.[1] A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 106.**

[1] [De la Monarchie Française et de ses Lois.]

From **John Viny and family.** 1783. May 21. London.

Takes this opportunity, by M. Du Chateau, to recall himself to Franklin's memory; begs for a few lines; has furnished M. Du Chateau with a set of wheels which will show his skill to be undiminished; encloses a list of his subscribers [1 p.]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 107.**

From **L. Terrier.** 1783. May 21. Marseilles.

Offering his services to America as a surgeon. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 108.**

From **Chevalier de Monteil.** 1783. May 23. Paris.

Acknowledging his civility; expects to bear witness to his many virtues in the places where he is going. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 109.**

From **Mr. Moseley and friend.** 1783. May 23. Paris.

Will dine with Dr. Franklin on the 25th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 110.**

From **John Allen.** 1783. May 24. Bordeaux.

Wrote on the 29th ult., requesting a register for his brigantine; begs for a favorable answer. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 111.**

From **G[abriel] Johonnot.** 1783. May 25. Baltimore.

Begs Franklin to procure a passage for his son, recall him from Geneva, and direct his embarkation to Boston; the boy's grandfather looks for him with no small anxiety; gratitude for the kindness shown his son by Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 112.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. May 25.

Acceptance of Franklin's invitation by the Comtesse de Forbach; will bring her children if possible; if not, their place will be filled by M. le Baron de Wish. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 113.**

Printed in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 263.

From **Robert R. Livingston.** 1783. May 25. Philadelphia.

Introducing [William] Bingham; if Mrs. Bingham accompanies him, warns Franklin against showing her such attentions as may deprive them too long of her society. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 114.**

From **Baron de Guist.** 1783. May 25. Milan.

Congratulating Franklin on the independence of America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 115.**

From **Elizabeth Holland.** 1783. May 25. London.

Her husband, Thomas Holland, gave up his rank in the British army to fight for the Americans, and was killed during the war; left in a destitute condition with three children; begs Franklin to bring her case before Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 116.**

From **Charles Spener.** 1783. May 26. Berlin.

His plan of publishing an American almanac in German, for the following year; among other things, it will contain a history of the Revolution and pictures of famous Americans; applies to Franklin for engravings of portraits, medals, uniforms, flags, etc.; the historical part of the almanac will be entrusted to Mr. Sprengel, Professor of history at the University of Halle. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 117.**

From **de Monteiro Bandeira.** 1783. May 26. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of the letters promised him as he leaves the next day for Lisbon. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 118.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1783. May 26. Office of Finance.

Is to continue somewhat longer in his Office of Finance. Desires he would repeat his application for a loan in France, and hopes that, as the King's expenses are lessened, he may be able to comply with his gracious intention towards America; account of the distressed situation of America. L. S. 2 p. (Copy. In duplicate.) **LV, 41 and 43.**

From **Pietro Maggi.** 1783. May 26. Milan.

Has distinguished himself at the University of Pavia; obliged through some family disgrace to leave Italy; begs Franklin's help in procuring him occupation in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In Italian.) **XXVIII, 119.**

From **Charles Paleske.** 1783. May 27. Hamburg.

His intention to embark for America in August, accompanied by a clerk, and to establish a mercantile house in Philadelphia; in spite of a good fortune and good connections in Europe, would greatly prize some letters of recommendation to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 120.**

From **Louise Geneviève Du Ponceau.** 1783. May 27. Saint-Martin.

Begs for any news Franklin may have received of her brother; asks that her letters may be forwarded to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 121.**

From **John Gahan.** 1783. May 27. Castle Townsend.

A minute account of the arrival in their harbor of the American schooner, "Nancy," John Gladin, Master, laden with tobacco from North Carolina; his reasons for believing that she intended smuggling every ounce of it upon some part of the Irish coast; steps he has taken to detain this vessel until further instructions. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 122.**

From ——— **de Kempel.** 1783. May 28. Paris.

Desires Franklin to appoint a time when he may show him his automatic chess-player, as well as another machine on which he has been working. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 123.**

From ——— **Richard.** 1783. May 28. Paris.

Sends him a letter for [William] Bingham; report that that gentleman has accepted a mission to one of the Courts of Europe; especially anxious to terminate the business before his departure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 124.**

From **Herr Greyer.** 1783. May 28. Minden on the Weeser.

Was discharged from the postal service. Fears that he may not be reinstated. Wishes position in America. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 66.**

From [**Baron**] **De Feriet.** 1783. May 29. Versailles.

Asking for a letter of recommendation for M. Berthier fils, who proposes to establish a commercial house in Philadelphia; his parents anxious that the young man should have one person in Philadelphia to whom he may apply for advice and assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 125.**

From [**Samuel**] **Vaughan.** 1783. May 30. Paris.

Desiring a passport for Germany via Strasbourg; would apply to the English Ambassador, but has omitted so far to pay his respects to him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 126.**

From **Marquis de Chastellux.** 1783. May 30. Marly-le-Roi.

Sends the note of which he spoke; hopes Franklin will obtain for his friend a distinction which he so justly merits; his services in the American hospitals; owes his own life to him; his present close attendance at the sick-bed of one of his dearest friends. His high opinion of Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 127.**

From **W[illiam] Barton.** 1783. May 31. Philadelphia.

Is the son of the late Reverend Mr. [Thomas] Barton, a clergyman of Lancaster; introduces his brother, Matthias Barton, who has been in business at l'Orient. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 128.**

From **G[uirquette] Anquetil Brutière.** 1783. May 31. St. Malo.

In daily expectation of the arrival of two vessels from La Rochelle laden with salt, wine and brandy; their ultimate destination not yet decided; begs Franklin's advice as to where the best disposition of the cargo could be made. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 129.**

From **Cavelier de Macomble.** 1783. May 31. Rouen.

Concerning a discovery of his; losing the honor and sacrificing the rewards; will confide the secret to Franklin and the methods by which he intends to use it. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 130.**

From **L. J. Lahaye.** 1783. May 31. Nessouvaux.

His plan to establish in America a manufactory of arms; his chances of success in Europe are mediocre; his desire to make terms with Congress which will be advantageous to both sides. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 131.**

From **F[rançois] Félix Nogaret and others of the Masonic Lodge.** 1783. May. Paris.

Recommending M. Gautier, a brother Mason, who desires the position of American Consul at Barcelona; politics does not enter into this request; their wish to oblige is their sole motive. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 132.**

From **Stephen Thorogood.** 1783. May. Venice.

Anxious to know if the report of Franklin's visiting Venice has any foundation; his favorite study has been Natural Philosophy; the value which Franklin's conversation would be to him; if the report is false, will write down some of his ideas about the electric fluid and send them to him. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 133.**

From **[Louis Philippe] Comte de Ségur.** [1783. May?]

Called on him with letters of M[rs. Caty] Greene and Dr. [Samuel] Cooper, in reply to Franklin's letters of recommendation; desires greatly to talk with him about America. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 184.**

From ——— **Treuttel.** 1783. June 1. Strasbourg.

Begs to add to his friend [Charles] Spener's request, that any expense which Franklin may incur in sending the desired engravings, etc., will be met by M. Durand in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 134.**

From **M[arquis] de Chastellux.** 1783. June 1.

Introducing M. [Jean Francois] Coste, a very clever physician; his services on behalf of the American soldiers and their love for him; the work he will show Franklin proves the esteem in which he was held. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 135.**

From **Elias Boudinot.** 1783. June 2. Philadelphia.

Introducing Dr. Waring of South Carolina, who served his country faithfully and honorably during the war, and goes to Europe for his advancement in medical science. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 137.**

From **N. Darcet.** 1783. June 2. Paris.

Enclosing three bills for Franklin's acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 138.**

From **Joseph Bouillot.** 1783. June 3. Passy.

Hoped to find a position as messenger or mail-carrier; no vacancy left; begs Franklin's assistance to enable him to return to Morlaix. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 139.**

From **The "Intendant of Lyons."** 1783. June 3. Paris.

Thanks him for taking into consideration his request in favor of M. Dainval. Sends Franklin a draft of a commission such as could be given by Congress to M. Dainval, as Agent for the United States at Lyons. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 60.**

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1783. June 4. Paris.

Begging Franklin's protection for one of his relatives, who desires to go to Boston and take up any work of which Franklin deems him capable. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 140.**

From **James Walsh.** 1783. June 4. Dunkirk.

A second petition craving Franklin's assistance to enable him to return to America; treatment accorded him by Mr. Coffyn; believes he helps runaway English sailors in preference to Americans. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 141.**

From **Frederick Robert Meuricoffre.** 1783. June 5. Paris.

Advantages of promoting trade between America and Naples; places himself and his business house at Franklin's service; encloses a list of exports from Naples and Sicily, as well as the articles which Naples could import from America. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 142.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1783. June 6. Paris.

Invitation to dinner. 1 p. (Engraved.) **XXVIII, 143.**

From **John Adams.** 1783. June 6. Paris.

Accepting invitation for Sunday the 8th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 144.**

From **Antoine François Salucci.** 1783. June 6. Livourne.

Their vessel under the Tuscan flag, laden with oil, wine, silks, etc., has sailed for Philadelphia; prospect of advantageous commercial relations; the pirates of Barbary are the only draw-back; hopes the United States will soon make some arrangement with them which will remove this obstacle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 145.**

From **F. Bernier.** 1783. June 6. Paris.

Appointing an hour for Franklin to come and see their work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 146.**

From [**Joseph Bon, Baron**] **Dacier and others.** 1783. June 6.

Deputed by the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres to acknowledge Franklin's gift of the medal; regretting that it does not bear the name of the first and genuine author of the finest Revolution of modern times. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 147.**

From ——— **Urvoy.** 1783. June 6. Saint Brieuc.

Concerning a plan conceived by himself and a friend to go to America and engage in commerce and agriculture; his intention to stay in France as their correspondent, and commercial agent, while his friend goes to America; begging for letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 148.**

From **Messrs. Thaxter and Storer.** 1783. June 6. Paris.

Accepting invitation for Sunday the 8th. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 149.**

From ——— **Gauthier.** 1783. June 7. Collége de Bayeux.

Informing Franklin that he still lacks volumes 26 and 27 to complete his edition of the Dictionnaire des Sciences Morales, Politique, etc. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 150.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1783. June 7. Paris.

Sending the copy of the Constitutions of the United States, and desiring to know if he has written to the Keeper of the Seals; also the number of copies wanted and the style of binding. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 151.**

From **Joseph Salvador.** 1783. June 7. Nantes.

About to sail for Philadelphia; honored to receive Franklin's commands. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 152.**

From **Nath**[**aniel**] **Falconer.** 1783. June 7. London.

Enclosing a book which has just come out and is likely to make some noise. His intention of sailing for Philadelphia in July. Messages from Franklin's friends. Mr. [William] Strahan's attitude still inimical to the United States and to France. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 153.**

From **William James.** 1783. June 7. Paris.

For years, has written in the English newspapers upon public improvements; compares Paris in these respects most unfavorably with London; his interest in the American cause; begs Franklin to establish him in some occupation in France or America. A. L. S. 8 p. **XXVIII, 154.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. June 8. Sanoir.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to pay her a little visit; gives him the choice of several days. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 155.**

From ——— **Parraud.** 1783. June 8. Paris.

Sent Franklin some time before a small manuscript work on electricity forwarded from Marseilles by a friend; begs for an answer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 156.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1783. June 9. London.

Acknowledging his favor of the 22d ult. with his dues for the Society of Antiquaries; number of prints owing Franklin. Kind messages to Mr. [Henry] Laurens. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 157.**

From ——— **Bousquety.** 1783. June 9. Beaumarchais.

Begs him for a collection of his manuscripts on electricity. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 158.**

From **J[oh]n Vaughan.** 1783. June 10. London.

Forwarded to Paris all the letters entrusted to him for Franklin; possibility that Mr. [Robert] Morris reserved his letters for some quicker conveyance; left Philadelphia the morning after the declaration of peace, so that nothing material could have been done by Congress; has just been told that on April 24th Congress Resolved that British vessels should be given an entry. Death of Mr. Spalding and his attendant in a diving-bell off Dublin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 159.**

From ——— ———. 1783. June 10.

Note on the report on Oléron of which it was proposed to make a free port of trade for American shipping. Advantages of the port and neighboring town of Marennes, being the centre of a considerable export trade. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **L(i), 43.**

From **Daniel Astruc.** 1783. June 10. Bordeaux.

Repeating his request for payment of the sum due him by M. Grive. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 160.**

From **John Wheelock.** 1783. June 12. The Hague.

Approbation of the design of soliciting benefactions for Dartmouth College, manifested by the Prince and Princess of Orange; nothing obtained from Amsterdam, but it succeeded well at Haarlem; desires a letter to Dr. [Richard] Price on behalf of the affair; expects to go to England in a fortnight; wishes to know if Dr. Franklin has heard anything favorable to the plan. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 161.**

From **Peter Green and Timothy Parmele.** 1783. June 12. Nancy.

Were prisoners to the English; have tried in vain to see [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], the American Agent, or to get work; no money with which to pay their board; expect to starve in the streets; the other prisoners are on board Capt. Conyngham's ship, but he refuses to take any more. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 162.**

From ——— **St. Martin.** 1783. June 13. Verteuil par Tonneins.

Repeats his question concerning the treatment which will be accorded French officers who have been employed in the service of the United States; came to France for his health on a year's furlough; does not wish to return without knowing what he may expect. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 163.**

From **Jean Rousseau.** 1783. June 13. London.

Sent Franklin a manuscript on the independenec of North America; motive of this pamphlet. Obliged to leave Geneva; returned to London where he has lived for years; if Congress desires to do anything for him will be exceedingly grateful. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate. In French.) **XXVIII, 164.**

From **Charles de Hagendorp.** 1783. June 13. Lattaie.

Thanking him warmly for the letters to Messrs. Washington, Livingston and Morris, which will assure him the reception he so ardently desired. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 165.**

From **Comte de Hülsen.** 1783. June 13. Passy.

His efforts to procure the information he desired; promise made by a certain person to cure him in some weeks; unpleasant effects of his first remedy; begs to know if he must abandon himself entirely to this

person's advice; his eagerness to consult Franklin in person. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 166.**

From **Sam[uel] Vaughan.** 1783. June 14. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to himself and his sons; expects to embark shortly for Philadelphia with his family. Expresses thanks for his repeated friendly and affectionate attention to each of his sons when on the Continent, which, if possible, he added to that respect, affection and reverence he has retained for him. The perpetuation of intercourse with him in America is one of the most valuable of the many advantages he expects to derive in that New World. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 167.**

From [**Charles,**] **Prince de Deux-Ponts.** 1783. June 14. Paris.

Concerning possible commercial relations of the Palatine Electorate and the Duchy of Bavaria with America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 168.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 526).

From **Girardot, Haller & Co.** 1783. June 14. Paris.

Introducing M. Volmers, a member of one of the richest and most reliable houses in Bremen. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 169.**

From **Pierre Dessin.** 1783. June 15. Calais.

Concerning several boxes addressed to Franklin and at present in Calais; begs for further instruction. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 170.**

From [**Barthélemy**] **Faujas De Saint Fond.** 1783. June 16. Paris.

Concerning L'Abbé Mical, who has just finished a remarkable piece of mechanism consisting of two heads which pronounce certain phrases; begs Franklin's and his grandson's presence at M. Mical's to dinner, where he will meet various Academicians, and may see the amazing invention. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 171.**

From **Baronne d'Ahax.** 1783. June 17. Paris.

Not possible to confide to a letter that which she wishes to say to Franklin; begs therefore for an interview; desires him to enclose her letter to Mr. Martin in an envelope and forward it to the address given. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 173.**

From **J. Gaupin.** 1783. June 17. Brussels.

Three inhabitants of Brussels desire to go to America; two to establish a manufactory of playing-cards, calico, etc.; the third is an able surveyor, linguist and soldier; each desires an advance of 100 louis with the promise of the patronage of Congress. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 174.**

From **The Ambassador of Venice.** 1783. June 18.

Invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 61.**

From [**Barthélemy**] **Faujas De Saint Fond.** 1783. June 18. Paris.

Fears that his former letter miscarried and that Franklin does not yet know of the "talking head" and his invitation to dine with the inventor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 175.**

From **Patience Wright.** 1783. June 19. London.

Introducing Mr. Mascall, who is on his way to settle in Philadelphia; his steady upholding of the rights of the people, and his opposition to the measures of the Ministry, brought on him persecution and suffering from Lord Mansfield and other men in power; his knowledge of physics and chemistry, as well as of men and books. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 176.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1783. June 20. Dunkirk.

His journey and his arrival at Dunkirk with his family and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn; expects to sail that afternoon; daily importunities which Mr. Coffyn experiences from American seamen discharged from prison in England; strongly recommends him for the position of American Consul or Agent at Dunkirk. Enclosing an extract of a letter from Commodore Jones, written on board the "Triomphant," mentioning

the presentation of the "America" to the King of France; his own attitude, his disappointments, his sailing as a volunteer on board the French fleet, and the handsome treatment he has received; messages to Franklin and to his Lodge. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXVIII, 178.**

From **Lenormant de Het** [?]. 1783. June 20. Neuilly.

Favorable attitude of the Comte de Vergennes towards the Messrs. d'Eberstein; urges Franklin to demand certain concessions from Congress in their behalf, which the Comte de Vergennes will regard as an acknowledgment of the essential services which he rendered America; refers Franklin to Messrs. [Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval and Hénin in this affair. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 179.**

From **The Marquis de la Fayette.** [1783?] June 21. Paris.

Sending American gazettes to Messrs. Franklin and Jay. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 168.**

From ——— **Rohan, Grand Master of Malta.** 1783. June 21.

Thanking Franklin for the medal commemorative of the War of Independence. Promises a cordial welcome to any American citizens and their vessels who may visit the ports of his Island. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 180.**

The same. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 45.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 527).

From **Dr. [Charles] Blagden.** 1783. June 22. Paris.

Promising to dine with Dr. Franklin on Thursday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 181.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. June 23. Vienna.

Begging Franklin to grant Mr. Weinbrenner's request for letters of introduction for his Agent Mr. Donath. The cast of his profile which he sends, is made of plaster of Paris. Has at last received the first sheets of his book from M. Le Bègue. Hopes to see Franklin in Vienna before he sets out for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 182.**

From **Nath[aniel] Falconer.** 1783. June 23. London.

Thinks he should have been entrusted with the despatches instead of Mr. [Samuel] Vaughan. Preliminary articles of peace received with joy. Attitude of Congress towards Franklin's request to come home; A[rthur] Lee's unsuccessful attempts to make up a party against [Robert] Morris and [Dr.] Franklin. Arrival of Capt. [Joshua] Barney and the "Washington" and the money safely deposited; credit of the bank at Philadelphia very good. The Constitution of Pennsylvania cannot be altered for two years. Heard that a salary was arranged for Franklin's grandson, but has forgotten the amount. Question of [Robert] Morris resigning his office. Sends a copy of the duties to be imposed by Congress. Desires Franklin to send him a "mittretain" for his ship "Olive Branch," otherwise he will be under the unhappy necessity of sailing under British colors. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXVIII, 183.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [Thomas] Barclay.** 1783. June 23. Auteuil.

Will dine with Franklin on Thursday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 184.**

From **Walton & Stott.** 1783. June 23. Paris.

Desire a conference respecting the importation of goods into America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXVIII, 185.**

From **Nathaniel Falconer.** 1783. June 24. London.

Promising to send some pamphlets and newspapers. Begs Franklin to find out from [Robert] Morris what letters he sent over; suspects foul play. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXVIII, 186.**

From **Vidal de St. Martial and others (Grand Masons of Carcassonne).** 1783. June 24. Carcassonne.

On reading Franklin's letter, his admittance was celebrated with transports of joy; it was decreed that his picture, copied in miniature, was always to remain in their temple. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 187.**

From **Girault de Keroudou.** 1783. June 25. Paris.

Sends a work printed by order of the Trustees of the *Collège de Louis le Grand;* the author, M. le President Rolland has worked in-

defatigably for the education of the public; begs that the fruit of his labors may be sent to the [American Philosophical] Society at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 188.**

From **Alex[ande]r Lermonth.** 1783. June 25. Paris.

Traded from Edenton, North Carolina, to the Island of Saint Eustatius for sixteen years; the fortune he made there was taken from him by Admiral Rodney when he took that Island; his present destitute condition; applies to Franklin for a little money; to ask such a favor is like death to him, but necessity knows no law. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "Cost a guinea." **XXVIII, 189.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1783. June 26. Paris.

Invitation to dinner. 1 p. (Engraved.) **XXVIII, 190.**

From **Count von Grävenitz Walhm.** 1783. June 26. Vienna.

Has a collection of choice paintings of old and eminent masters. Wishes to exchange them for a country-seat in Georgia, Carolina or Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 50.**

From **Job Bunker.** 1783. June 26. St. Malo.

His services in the war, his imprisonment in England, his escape and enlistment in the French navy; his present destitute condition; begs Franklin to assist him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXVIII, 191.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1783. June 27. Paris.

Delay in sending the copies of the Constitutions of America, due to their having first been overlooked by the Comte de Vergennes; a second Franklin needed in Paris to do away with such shackles. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 192.**

From **Robert Pigott.** 1783. June 27. Pent near Geneva.

Situation of Franklin's grandson in Geneva; fever from which he has suffered, caused by his close room and improper diet; strongly urges his removal; since writing the above, has brought the lad to Pent for the change of air. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXVIII, 193.**

From **I. Hunt.** 1783. June 27. Paris.

Accepting his invitation for dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XXVIII, 194.

From ——— **Delisle-Pierrogues.** 1783. July 28. Draguignan.

Has lost his fortune; begs Franklin to procure him some employment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 195.**

From **F. Stromeyer and B. Straub.** 1783. June 28. Strasbourg.

Request Franklin's intervention to secure payment of an account due them for a long time by Baron von Steuben for clothing furnished to the latter. Encloses promissory note for over £421 sterling signed by von Steuben. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LV, 47.**

From **Badler de Beaufort.** 1783. June 30. Paris.

On the 20th of May, presented to Franklin a memoir, whose contents she hoped, would rouse his pity and gain his support; fears she was mistaken; begs for its return. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXVIII, 196.

From **A. Laignier.** 1783. June 30. Paris.

Can furnish explanations of different natural phenomena, which his discovery has enabled him to penetrate. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXVIII, 197.

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** [*Circa* 1783. June.] Paris.

Announcing his immediate departure from Paris; offers his services. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 92.**

From **Philip Schuyler.** 1783. July 1. Albany.

Introducing his son-in-law, John Carter, and Col. [Jeremiah] Wadsworth, of Hartford, who were joint agents in supplying the French troops; they go to France to solicit payment of the bills which have been drawn in their favor; begs Franklin's influence on their behalf. Congratulating him on the approaching peace and on his exertions to that end. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 1.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.**
1783. July 1. Versailles.

Writes on behalf of two French Americans who desire to pay their respects to Franklin and dine with him on Friday or Saturday; one is her "grand garçon" and the other is the Comte de Feoren; if Franklin consents, she wishes to accompany them. A. L. 2 p. **XXIX, 2.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [Thomas] Barclay.** 1783. July 1. Auteuil.

Accepting invitation for dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 3.**

From **——— de Longueville.** 1783. July 1. Nancy.

His intention to go to America and raise potatoes; uses of this vegetable in feeding cattle; begs for information respecting its cultivation in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 4.**

From **And[re]w Limozin.** 1783. July 1. Havre-de-Grace.

Arrival of the "General Washington," Capt. [Joshua] Barney, from Philadelphia; consigned to his care as Agent for the United States at Havre; sends several letters to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 5.**

From **Fabre Dubosque.** 1783. July 2. Paris.

Was presented to him three years before by Commodore Paul Jones; their discussion concerning the qualities of a metal for sheathing ships; this new sheathing now carried to perfection; begs Franklin, when next he comes to Paris, to examine it at the house and talk the matter over. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 6.**

From **Dr. Charles Henri Titius.** 1783. July 2. Dresden.

Desiring Franklin to procure employment in America for one of his friends. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 7.**

From **Stockar zur Sonnenburg.** 1783. July 3. Schaffhausen.

Recommending a young relative who desires to enter the army. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 8.**

From **Dr. Charles Henri Titius.** 1783. July 3. Dresden.

Introducing M. [Ph.] Thieriot who desires some letters of recommendation for America. Wishes to know if the sale of medicines of unknown composition will be allowed in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 9.**

By ——— ———. 1783. July 4.

Song composed for the anniversary celebration of American Independence and Peace held at Benjamin Franklin's house at Passy [with corrections and additions by Abbé Morellet]. Verses. 8 p. (In French.) **LI, 78.**

From **Comte de Vergennes** *to* **Benjamin Franklin and John Jay.** 1783. July 5. Versailles.

The King is unable to grant their request for a sum of 1,900,000 livres as extraordinary relief, as he has not enough funds to pay the enormous expenses of the last war and is obliged to have recourse to loans. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 50.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** 1783. July 5. Paris.

Franklin made an associate of the Académie [des Sciences, Belle-Lettres et des Arts] of Lyons. Their intention of calling on him very soon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 10.**

From **Michel Macklot.** 1783. July 6. Carlsruhe.

Wishes to establish a library and printing-house at Philadelphia for one of his sons. Gives a list of German books which he wishes to send to Philadelphia. Asking permission to send him a copy of a military work by Baron O'Cahill which he thinks will be useful to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 11.**

From **Veuve Guillaume.** 1783. July 7. Fay-les-Veneurs.

Her frequent letters have never reached her son; begs Franklin, when he arrives in New York, to send the enclosed letter to her son, Paul Guillaume, and recommend him to the French Consul there in order that he may obtain a passage home; account of her son's services as a soldier. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 13.**

From ——— **Tourton.** 1783. July 7. Paris.

Borges, a merchant of Hamburg, freighted a vessel bound for Philadelphia with all his possessions, leaving nothing for his creditors; sends two letters from the Magistrates at Hamburg which he begs Franklin to forward; hopes by their means to recover what the thief carried off. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 14.**

From **Bost Horion & Co.** 1783. July 7. Paris.

Enclosing a letter of exchange drawn on Franklin which they desire him to accept and return. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 15.**

From **B[enjamin] Webb.** 1783. July 7. Geneva.

Congratulating him on the great events which have taken place; hopes his native country will learn the wisdom to be good. Compliments Franklin on his grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache]; hopes his health will improve. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 12.**

From **Jacques Lambert Ransier.** 1783. July 7. Augsburg.

Plans to go to the United States and establish a manufactory of arms; other associates who desire to go with him and establish different manufactories; begs for advice. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 16.**

From **Nath[aniel] Falconer.** 1783. July 8. London.

Enclosing a gazette whose contents surprised him; has sent two of them to [Thomas] Mifflin in Congress; talked about it to some of the merchants; told them their ships would be prevented by Congress from loading in the United States for the West Indies. Arrival of Mr. [William] Bingham and his lady. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 17.**

From [**Baron**] **Rosencrone.** 1783. July 8. Copenhagen.

Communicated his letter to the King and the draft of the proposed treaty of friendship and commerce. Sends a counter-draft drawn up by himself but not differing materially from Franklin's. Thinks it contains perfect reciprocity. Will do all in his power to accelerate the conclusion of the treaty. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 51.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 519.

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1783. July 8. St. Germain.

Requests a reply to the invitation to dine at Mme. [la Comtesse] de la Marcke's. A. L. S. 1 p. **CV, 84.**

From **Thomas Lloyd.** 1783. July 9. Rouen.

Begs that the enclosed may be forwarded. Messages from Mr. and Mrs. [Michael] Hillegas and the young ladies. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 18.**

From **François Roi.** 1783. July 9. Paris.

Begs for the promised reply to his father's letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 19 and 21.**

From **Dr. [Charles] Blagden.** [1783.] July 10.

Sending him two papers printed in the Philosophical Transactions; on his return to London promises to procure all the volumes due him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 82.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. July 10. Nantes.

Account of his business difficulties; if M. [Ferdinand] Grand cannot assist him, will let all his creditors fare alike; hopes he will not suffer in Franklin's esteem. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 136.**

From **James Price.** 1783. July 11. Paris.

Asks permission to sell 180 hogsheads of Jamaica prize sugars, on payment of the same duties levied on French sugars. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 20.**

From **Giacomo Fran[cis]co Crocco.** 1783. July 15. Cadiz.

The Emperor of Morocco has appointed him to be the bearer of this letter to the United States, with whom he is willing to sign a treaty of peace and commerce; gave orders to the Captains of the men-of-war not to molest American vessels. He is to accompany to the Court of Morocco, the Ambassador that is to be appointed to conclude peace. Asks him to send the travelling expenses to him as such charges are to be paid by the country desiring the Emperor's friendship. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **LV, 53 and 54.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 549.

From **Abbé Nolin.** 1783. July 15. Paris.

Informed by M. [François Barbé] de Marbois, Secretary of the French Embassy in America, that Chevalier de la Luzerne desires an assortment of potherb seeds. Hears that the "Washington" is about to sail and that it is at Franklin's disposition; begs that the seeds may be forwarded by that vessel. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 22.**

From **John Philip Briedenstein.** 1783. July 15. "Giessae Cattorum."

Begs to know if there is any chance of his gaining an honest livelihood in America; his position as Professor of Economics and Mathematics; his interest in theology. A. L. in 3d P. 4 p. (In Latin.) **XXIX, 23.**

From **John Butler.** 1783. July 15. Amsterdam.

He and two other American sailors have been prisoners in England and received their discharge some time ago; their fruitless efforts to procure a passage home at London, Dunkirk, and finally at Amsterdam; considers this hard treatment for men who risked their lives in defence of their country; depend on Franklin to extricate them from their forlorn position. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIX, 24.**

From **N. Darcet.** 1783. July 15. Paris.

Begs him to accept and return the four enclosed bills as soon as possible. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 25.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1783. July 17. Paris.

In case [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] should not provide for bills drawn by Mr. [Richard] Bache, thinks Dr. Franklin would desire to do it himself, in order to save Mr. Bache the dishonor and loss of their return. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 26.**

From ——— **de Breuze.** 1783. July 17. Villentrode in Champagne.

Report that Franklin desires to establish glass-works in America; offers to furnish the kind of clay needed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 27.**

From **J[oh]n Wheelock.** 1783. July 17. London.

Wrote to him from The Hague concerning the furtherance of his plans; again begs to know whether anything can be done in France towards the accomplishment of his object. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 28.**

From **The Farmers-General.** 1783. July 17. Paris.

Remind Franklin that there is still due to them by the United States a balance of over 846,000 livres on the advance of 1,000,000 made by them for shipments of tobacco not completed. Refrained from pressing their claim during the war and do not ask any interest on the money, but request a prompt settlement either in cash or in tobacco. L. S. 3 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 55.**

From **Nath[anie]l Falconer.** 1783. July 18. London.

Visit paid him by Mr. Silas Deane; understands he wrote part of the pamphlet sent to Franklin; cannot esteem him as before, now that he goes with [Benedict] Arnold and Lord Sheffield. Dr. [Edward] Bancroft is applying to go to Philadelphia; distrusts his motives. Messages from Mr. [John] Sargent. Begs for news of public matters in France. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 29.**

From **J[oh]n Diot.** 1783. July 18. Morlaix.

Various ways in which he has been of use to subjects of the United States; asks for the position of Vice-Consul at Morlaix; his zeal in the service of America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 30.**

From **C[om]te Charles de Polignac.** 1783. July 19. Paris.

Mme. de Frère, being obliged to take a short journey, desires him to return the enclosed bill. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 31.**

From ——— **Capion.** 1783. July 19. Lyons.

A glowing tribute to Franklin. His occupation that of a doctor as well as a priest. Describes the plan of a picture which he wishes to present to Congress; this will represent the heroes of the American war, the traitor Arnold, the victim André, the brutality of the English, the mediation of France, and Heaven's approval of the struggle for liberty. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 32.**

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From **Jon[athan] L[oring] Austin.** 1783. July 19. Boston.

Introducing his brother, Mr. Benjamin Austin, Jr., and Mr. Oliver Brewster, two young gentlemen who are making a tour of Europe. Congratulating Franklin on the peace and on his own distinguished part in that glorious event. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 33.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1783. July 19. Boston.

Introducing Mr. Benjamin Austin, Jr., a brother of Mr. [Jonathan Loring] Austin who carried the news of Burgoyne's surrender; recommends him most warmly to his notice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 34.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1783. July 19. Boston.

Introducing Mr. [Oliver] Brewster who goes to England with Mr. [Benjamin] Austin and thence to France on mercantile affairs; the particular regard he has conceived for this young man justifies this recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 35.**

From **Henry Joy, Jr.** 1783. July 19. Belfast.

Writes in the name of the Committee of Correspondence appointed by the delegates of forty-five Volunteer Corps; their determination to procure a more equal representation in Parliament; depraved state of their present representation; desires Franklin's opinion and advice as to the best means of counteracting the corrupt borough influence; puts the whole matter into eight queries to which they beg answers. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXIX, 36.**

From **The Ambassador of Portugal.** 1783. July 19. Paris.

Informing Franklin that the meeting to be held in his house will be held in the house of the Spanish Ambassador. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 62.**

From **Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** [1783.] July 19. Passy.

Requests an interview with Franklin about an unfortunate man in whom she is interested. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 132.**

From **Jacob Augustus Hoppe.** 1783. July 19. Bochnia.

Is one of a numerous family; would like to sail for the United States with a recommendation from Franklin and the assurance of a salaried

position; is even willing to till the fields; if possible, would like to stay for a time in Paris and pursue his study of English at the Sorbonne; in that case would be glad to share the food of Franklin's servants. A. L. S. 4 p. (In Latin.) **XXIX, 37.**

From **Baron de Schönfeld.** 1783. July 20. Paris.

Desiring to call on Franklin in company with M. [Ph.] Thieriot of Leipsic, who goes to Philadelphia as a commercial agent of Saxony. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 38.**

From **Ch[evalie]r de Keralio.** 1783. July 20. Paris.

The Comtesse de Deux-Ponts hopes to visit Franklin after her return from Versailles; in the meantime, she begs for a medal in place of the one she gave M. de Vauban, and also the return of Les Nouvelles Littéraires which she sent Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 39.**

From **E[lkanah] Watson, Jr.** 1783. July 21.

Introducing Griffin Green[e], lately arrived from America, a near relative of Gen. [Nathanael] Green[e]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 40.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1783. July 22. London.

Desires his opinion on the chief cause of the suffering experienced by the garrison of St. Philips; believes it was their omitting to preserve a free current of air through their subterranean lodgements. Introducing Patrick Wikil, Esq., who goes as Consul to Alicante; hopes of seeing Franklin in London; glad that the remembrance of a most agreeable fair one is still with him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 41.**

From **Lieut.-Gen. [Robert] Melville.** 1783. July 22. Paris.

Announcing his intended departure for London early in the following week; offers to take charge of the letter to Mr. [John] Calder, as well as any Mr. [John] Adams or Mr. and Mrs. [John] Jay care to send. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XXIX, 42 and 45.**

From **Le Goüeslier de Montcarel.** 1783. July 23. Versailles.

Concerning a packet which was forgotten when the despatches were sent to be forwarded to M. de la Luzerne; if not too late, begs it may be sent, and the oversight not mentioned to M. [Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 43.**

From [**Armand Thomas Hue de**] **Miromesnil.** 1783. July 23. Paris.

Acknowledging the receipt of the Constitutions of the United States; expressing his appreciation of such a mark of attention. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 43½.**

From ——— **de Pio.** 1783. July 24. Paris.

Acknowledging the copies of the "Constitutions," one for his King, one for himself and one for M. Filangieri; sensible of the honor Franklin has done him. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 44.**

From **Le Comte d'Argental.** 1783. July 24. Paris.

Acknowledging with extreme satisfaction the copy of the Constitutions of the United States which Franklin has sent him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 44½.**

From **Comtesse de Bouflers[-Rouvrel].** 1783. July 24. Auteuil.

Acknowledging Franklin's precious gift, with every expression of gratitude. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 44¾.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. July 25. Sanoir.

Acknowledging his gift with the liveliest expressions of gratitude; reminding him of his promise to visit her in the autumn. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 45½.**

From **The Ambassador of Holland.** 1783. July 25. Paris.

Thanking him for the "Constitutions of the Thirteen United States of America." L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 63.**

From **Comte de Vergennes.** 1783. July 25. Versailles.

Acknowledging the copy of the "Constitutions" of the United States sent him by Franklin; the copies destined for the King, Queen and Royal Family will be faithfully delivered. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 46.**

From ——— **Tonon.** 1783. July 25. Paris.

The most unfortunate of patriots is obliged to apply to the most illustrious; although in disgrace, still wishes to be useful; his principal

bent is towards agriculture; has written a treatise on this science; desires to place his talents at the service of America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 47.**

From **Reuben Harvey.** 1783. July 25. Cork.

Two vessels lately sailed for Philadelphia with upwards of two hundred passengers. Account of an American vessel, the "Nancy," being detained in the harbor of Castleton nearly ten weeks; wrote Mr. [Henry] Laurens of this; advises an application for redress to the British Court; other vessels had all their loose tobacco seized by Revenue Officers; necessity of America having a Consul at Cork; state of the laws in Ireland as regards the sale of tobacco. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 48.**

From **Granier de Pollier.** 1783. July 26. Paris.

Recommending a gentleman of quality, formerly a French officer, who desires to settle with his wife in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 49.**

From ——— **d'Ormesson** [?]. 1783. July 26. Versailles.

Thanking him for the copy of the Constitutions of the United States. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 49½.**

From ——— [de] **Walterstorff.** 1783. July 26. Paris.

Sends Franklin a copy of the last ordinance concerning the trade of the Islands of St. Thomas and St. Johns [2 p.], also a list of the principal merchants in the Danish West Indies (2 p.). The Island of St. Croix and their trade with America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 50.**

From **Comte de Rochambeau.** 1783. July 26. Paris.

Begs to have the enclosed letter forwarded to the Chevalier de la Luzerne. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 51.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1783. July 27. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging a number of introductory letters which have been productive of pleasure or profit. The bearer is Mr. [John] Carter by whom he sends a bundle of newspapers; Mrs. Carter is the daughter of Gen. [Philip] Schuyler, a lady too well known to Franklin to need a recommendation. Has received the Loan Office Certificate for another year's interest on the money lent the public by Franklin. Glad to know when they may expect him home. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 52.**

From **Duboys de Lamoligniere.** 1783. July 27. Port-au-Prince.

Recounts the legend concerning the purchase of the Sibylline books; the printed discourse which he sends Franklin of far more value than vain oracles; the system of Legislations on which he has worked for seven years will put the seal on the liberties of America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXIX, 53.**

From **The Apostolic Nuncio.** 1783. July 28.

The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith at Rome has deemed it advisable to appoint a Bishop in some city of the United States as Apostolic Vicar with spiritual jurisdiction over all the Catholics in that country and invested with power to ordain priests. Requests Franklin to transmit his note on the subject to Congress. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 57.**

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From **Isabella Strange.** 1783. July 28. London.

Begs him to send the enclosed letter to her friend Mr. [James] Hunter [of Richmond, Va.]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 54.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1783. July 29.

Sends the desired permission to enable Franklin to remove a packet of books from the custom-house. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 55.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. July 29. Nantes.

Consultation with his creditors; their desire that his letter of surséance be renewed for a year; desires Franklin to make the application for him. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXVIII, 136½.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1783. July 30. Paris.

Concerning the affairs of [Jonathan] W[illiams] and the terms of payment offered, to which most of his people have agreed. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 56.**

From **Colonel** [**Chevalier de**] **Cambray.** 1783. July 30. Paris.

About to leave for the country; sends some letters for America, and begs that the replies may be forwarded to the address given. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 57.**

From **Chevalier Charles de Qureille.** 1783. July 30. Giessen.

Suggests the importance of establishing commercial relations between America and the principal German towns on the Rhine and Main; recommends a friend as an Agent in these towns. Enumeration of products. A. L. S. 4 p. (In German.) **LIX, 8.**

The same L. 2 p. (Translation in French.) **XXIX, 58.**

From **Treeton de Fibery** [?]. 1783. July 31. Nantes.

Begging him to honor with his attention the enclosed memoir. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 59.**

From **C. Churchill.** 1783. July 31. Bennet St. West.

Begging Franklin to honor his last with some kind of an answer; if his request is not granted, entreats some kind of assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 60.**

From **Herman Heyman's Sons.** 1783. July 31. Bremen.

Their project to establish glass-works in America; privileges which they would ask of Congress; begs Franklin's advice on this subject; enclosing a detailed plan [4 p.]. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXIX, 61.**

From ——— **Coquillot, Prior of Epinay.** 1783. August 1. Louviers.

Ode to Liberty composed in honor of Benjamin Franklin on receiving from him the medal struck by the Congress of the United States in 1782. A. Poem. 7 p. (In French.) **LI, 5.**

From [**Jean Paul**] **Marat.** 1783. August 1. Paris.

Requesting an audience with Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 62.**

From **Joshua Johnson.** 1783. August 1. London.

Forwards a letter from the General Post Office and has paid the deficient postage. Probable that many letters may come for him with the inland postage unpaid. Inquires if he shall take them up and forward them. Will be happy to be useful to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 63.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1783. August 2. London.

Introducing Henry Smeathman, a protégé of Dr. Fothergill, who visited the Coast of Africa and wishes to suggest new ways of extending trade in that continent. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 64.**

From **John Gottfried Braumüller.** 1783. August 2. Berlin.

Desires recommendations to American mercantile firms. A. L. S. 3 p. **LIX, 23.**

From **[Mme.] Loyer Deslande.** 1783. August 2. Versailles.

The business which her husband transacted in America in 1777 is the reason for her requesting an immediate audience with Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 65.**

From ——— **Sandherr [?].** 1783. August 2. Versailles.

Desires to establish a market in America for the sale of his wines. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 66.**

From **General Comte de Monet.** 1783. August 3.

Acknowledging enthusiastically the copies of the Constitutions, one for the King of Poland and one for himself. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 67.**

From **The Ambassador of the States-General.** 1783. August 3. Paris.

Invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 64.**

From **F[rançois] Steinsky.** 1783. August 3. Prague.

Account of an armonica made from Franklin's model; account of various inventions by M. Landriani of Milan. Description of a piece of Polish money of the 15th century, found shut up in a rock. Reason given for the natural formation of a hill on the banks of the Elbe. They now possess an excellent translation in German of Franklin's works. Enthusiastic praise for Franklin and for the great Nation he has helped to found. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 68.**

From **William Robertson.** 1783. August 4. College of Edinburgh.

Introducing his son. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 69.**

From ——— **De Pinelli.** 1783. August 5. Honskotte in Flanders.

Renews his offers of service in his capacity of engineer and architect. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 70.**

From **Ch[evalie]r de Keralio.** 1783. August 7. Paris.

Charged with affectionate farewells by the Comtesse de Deux-Ponts, who goes to Tugny to attend the wedding of her son, and thence to Forbach. His regard for Franklin is a sort of hero-worship. The "America" arrived at Brest; her construction much admired. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 71.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1783. August 9. London.

Charge against Lord Shelburne of having used foul play about the instructions for removing the troops from New York; second charge that he put the Spaniards in possession of Florida to give them an opportunity of quarreling with America; gives his reasons for not believing these accusations; thinks Lord Shelburne would never be relished by Frenchmen or by ambitious English placemen; believes him to be a fair-meaning, bold statesman. [End of letter missing.] A. L. 4 p. **XXIX, 73.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 9. Nantes.

Relating to his bankruptcy; his creditors have expressed confidence in him. Expects to be able eventually to satisfy them all. A. L. S. 2 p. **CV, 97.**

From **J. Chrétien Remmel and Jean Houba.**
1783. August 9. Chateau d'Issum.

Apply for a free passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 74.**

From **Baron de Perier.** 1783. August 10. Chateau d'Ussan at Pau.

The cargo on his vessel he was forced to sell at New London for paper money; wishes Franklin's assistance to redeem the amount. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 75.**

From **A. C. G. Deudon.** 1783. August 10. Paris.

Charged by M. Bournons of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Brussels to send Franklin the first part of his "Eléments de Mathématiques"; promises the next two volumes when they appear. Describes how he has improved the armonica; will gladly come to Passy and give him a practical demonstration. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXIX, 76.

From **Comte de Windisch-Grätz.** [1783.] August 10.

Inquiring when he could see Franklin at Passy. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 245.**

From **William Nixon.** 1783. August 10. Off the Downs.

Begs permission to dedicate to him a few little books, intended to facilitate the acquisition of the Roman language. The letter he received from Franklin when a prisoner at Valognes in Normandy he destroyed as a precautionary measure; is now en route to Portsmouth, Va., and would very much like another letter from him, in order to procure a professorship in one of the American colleges. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 77.**

From ——— **Bry.** 1783. August 11. L'Orient.

His share of prize-money due him as doctor on board "La Vengeance"; Commodore Paul Jones. Desires a place as physician to the Americans, who are about to found an institution at l'Orient. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 78.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 11. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. [Le] Grand Cannon from Connecticut. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 137.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 11. Nantes.

Introducing Mr. Russell of Boston. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXVIII, 138.

From **Sir James Nicolson.** 1783. August 12. Passy.

Complains of the action of Dr. Franklin's grandson [William Temple Franklin] in taking away a miniature portrait of Lady Nicolson and insists on its prompt return. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **CV, 99.**

From **Jacques Lambert Ransier.** 1783. August 12. Fürth.

Repeats his request for Franklin's protection and advice as well as letters of recommendation to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 79.**

From [**Alexandre Théodore**] **Brongniart.** 1783. August 13. Paris.

Desires to know if he may expect Franklin at his house on Wednesday morning; afterwards they must go to the Military School and to the Invalides, relative to the lightning-rods which the Maréchal de Ségur intends erecting on those two buildings; after this inspection, *le Gouverneur des Invalides* desires Franklin's presence at dinner. Franklin will see at M. Brongniart's house the model of the projected column to the glory of Louis XVI. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 80.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 13. Nantes.

[Samuel Cooper] Johonnot arrived too late for the last vessel to New England; will try to get him a passage to Philadelphia; poor opinion of his father. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 139.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 13. Nantes.

Unable to procure a passage for [Samuel Cooper] Johonnot at a smaller rate; thinks it will prove cheaper in the long run to send him off at once. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 141.**

From ——— **Baron.** 1783. August 14. Dunkirk.

Desiring to know about the prize-money due Messrs. Gognet and Cossont, officers on board the "Pallas" under the command of Paul Jones. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 81.**

From **Ed[war]d Nairne.** 1783. August 14. London.

Concerning a book he has sent Franklin containing directions for using his patent electrical machine; the experiments in the philosophical part tend to confirm Franklin's theory of electricity, and the similitude of lightning and electricity. Account of an electrical storm in Oxfordshire which killed thirteen sheep, every one of which had the balls of their eyes forced out. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 82.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper Johonnot.** 1783. August 14. Nantes.

His arrival at Nantes; his passage to America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 82½.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. August 15. Vienna.

Acknowledging the medal and Franklin's favor of May 16th. Delay in the printing of his book; acknowledging Franklin's permission to dedicate it to him. His opinion of the biography of Sir John Pringle by Dr. [Andrew] Kippis, his theological friend, who contributed to fix his anxious mind upon "Socinianisme" as being, in his opinion, the most rational and the only good religion. A paper he intends writing for which he desires philosophical anecdotes about Franklin; begs for a description of the two electrical explosions by which Franklin was hit; description of a like experience to himself;[1] received a severe electric shock whilst making experiments in electricity. Was rendered unconscious for ten or fifteen minutes. Highly injurious effects he felt mentally and physically on first regaining consciousness. After twenty-four hours experienced renewed vigor and great improvement in all his mental faculties; felt much better and stronger than before the shock. Thinks the insane might perhaps be restored to their mental faculties by an electric shock administered to them. Would not however advise anyone to try it on himself. Wishes to publish Franklin's invention of a clock with only three wheels, as well as the curiosity of the globe; begs for his reflections on chimneys. Chances of a war with the Turks, and the danger of having the plague; their custom of fumigating all letters from the East; this is now to be abolished; bewails this criminal act. Application made to him by the Princess of Lichtenstein to intercede with Franklin on behalf of Lady [Juliana] Penn. No satisfactory news from Mr. [Samuel] Wharton or [Francis] Coffyn; cannot believe the former is a sharper. Newspaper report that the American people are unwilling to contribute anything to support the public credit. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXIX, 83 and LV, 59.**

[1] Translation in French of this account, 4 p. (In triplicate.)

From **John Jebb.** 1783. August 15.

Introducing Mr. Baynes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 84.**

From **Chev. de Hooke Letang.** 1783. August 17. Paris.

Requests an audience to confer on the best means of forming an establishment in Virginia or Pennsylvania. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 85.**

From **[Mme.] Dueil de Gravellini.** 1783. August 19. Epernay.

Sending the sixty bottles of wine ordered; desirous of supplying the Americans with wines. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 86.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. August 19. Nantes.

Deplorable situation of the American merchants in France; due entirely to the peace; Mr. Grubb's failure; gives him the highest character; recommends Mr. Harrison, who was for some time in Mr. Grubb's office. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 142.**

From **J. A. C. Sieck (formerly Postmaster at Goettingen).** 1783. August 19. Berlin.

Asks for a position in the young Republic. Is able to give valuable secret information concerning the American Revolution. Refers to a previous letter to Mr. Adams. Mentions Secretary Bonhome in the Dutch secret service. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 22.**

From **Caleb Davis.** 1783. August 20. Boston.

Enclosing certain letters for Mr. St. John. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 87.**

From **Ch[e]v[alier] de La Combe.** 1783. August 20. Tulle.

Reported concessions granted by Congress to would-be settlers in America; has the honor to be a French officer of good family but no fortune; desires to know what kind of a reception he may expect in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 88.**

From **Vicomte de Rochambeau.** 1783. August 20.

At the request of the author, M. Telles Dacosta, sends Franklin a book about woods. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 89.**

From [**Chevalier de**] **St. Olympe.** 1783. August 20. Paris.

Acknowledging his kindness in signing his marriage contract; his approaching wedding and the numberless matters incidental thereto must excuse his not pressing the contract in person. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 90.**

From **Jonat[ha]n Nesbitt.** 1783. August 21. Paris.

Concerning an old debt due for shipping some articles to Mr. Richard Bache of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 91.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1783. August 21. Paris.

Deputed by the Royal Society of Medicine to send Franklin tickets for their public meeting on the 26th; the Society hopes Franklin will be present; intends reading a eulogy on the late Dr. [Sir John] Pringle. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 92.**

From ——— **Buquet.** 1783. August 22. Paris.

After thirty years, has brought to perfection his invention for grinding corn; his successful experiments in preserving grain and flour; the results of his work can be found in the printed memoir subjoined. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 93.**

From **Jos[eph] Maroteau.** 1783. August 22. Tournay.

Concerning a family at Tournay, whose talents are as unusual as their ill-fortune has been great. Their knowledge of the manufacture of silk and linen, etc.; if an opportunity should offer to employ them in the service of America, begs Franklin to let him know. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 94.**

From [**Charles, Prince**] **de Deux-Ponts.** 1783. August 22. Tugny.

Begging Franklin to send the enclosed to the Chevalier de la Luzerne, which includes some lines to his American friends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 95.**

From **Comte de Bruet.** 1783. August 22. Paris.

Acknowledging the copy [of the Constitutions of the United States] sent him by Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 96.**

From **Elias Boudinot.** 1783. August 23. Princeton.

Requested by his nephew (John M[arsden] Pintard) to beg an introduction for the house of Mr. John Searle & Co., in Madeira; extreme attention paid by this firm to American prisoners who were carried to that island. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXIX, 97 and 98.**

From **The Ambassador of Sardinia.** [*Circa* 1783.] August 23.

Invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 122.**

From [**Joseph Matthias Gérard**] **de Rayneval.** 1783. August 23. Versailles.

Has received a letter in favor of Mr. [Burrill] Carnes; thinks if Franklin writes directly to the Comte de Vergennes, the safe conduct will be granted him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 99.**

From [**Joseph Matthias Gérard**] **de Rayneval.** 1783. August 23. Versailles.

Returning Franklin the first project for the definitive treaty [of peace with Great Britain]. Encloses a copy of a prescription for gravel; hopes it will be of benefit. Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s affair will come before the Council on the 29th. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 100.**

From **J. A. C. Sieck.** 1783. August 23. Berlin.

Refers to his letter of August 19th. By mistake it was sent under address of Mr. Dumas at The Hague. Encloses duplicate of said letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In German.) **LIX, 24.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1783. August 25. Paris.

Request made in Franklin's name by the Duc de la Rochefoucauld for twelve copies of the "Constitutions." Repeats his wish for an interview. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 101.**

From **C. Churchill.** 1783. August 25. Bennet St. W.

Fears that a multiplicity of business has prevented Franklin from answering his last two letters; begs for a little pecuniary assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 102.**

From [Col.] **M[atthias] Ogden.** 1783. August 25. Paris.

Wishes to know if it will be perfectly agreeable to Franklin to present him to the King on the following day; the Marquis de la Fayette will be present at the ceremony; if it is not inconvenient, begs for a seat in Franklin's carriage. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 103.**

From ——— **Tournachon.** 1783. August 25. Paris.

Requesting the position of Consul at Genoa for M. Aimé Bonnafons. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 105.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1783. August 27.

Acknowledging the copies of the American Constitutions sent him by Franklin; much concerned to hear of his indisposition. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 106.**

From ——— ———. 1783. August 27. Brest.

Presents the claim of an American sailor called Springer, now at Brest, against a certain man, Lelay, who had collected 2,496 francs from the French Admiralty for Springer's account. The claim arose from the sale of a sloop seized in the cove of Cork by seven American sailors who were escaped prisoners from an English jail. The sloop was declared a lawful prize by the French Admiralty and ordered sold, the proceeds to be distributed amongst the seven sailors. Lelay who collected Springer's share as attorney for the latter refused to turn over to him the full amount of his share. Asks Franklin to intervene. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 65.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper Johonnot.** 1783. August 27. Nantes.

Acknowledging his fault and promising to profit by it. Expects to sail with the first fair wind. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 107.**

From [Col.] **Chevalier de Cambray.** 1783. August 28. Paris.

His desire to obtain advancement at Court; wishes particularly to interest the Comte de Vergennes in his behalf; begs Franklin to write the Count a letter; enumerates his services to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 108.**

From **Dr. [John] Calder.** 1783. August 28. London.

Reminding Franklin of a letter which was to be sent to the Hotel d'Espagne for Lieut.-Gen. Melville, and which never came to hand; the bearer, Mr. P. Elmsly will carry any letters Franklin may care to send to London. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 109.**

From **M. E. Douairière de Platen** *née* **de Krassou.** 1783. August 30. Gartz in Rugen.

Begging for news of her son, Philip de Platen, who left France seven years before, to enter the service of the United States; since then has heard nothing of him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 111.**

From ——— **Duplan.** 1783. August 30. Lausanne.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to subscribe to their encyclopaedia of thirty-six volumes; desires his assistance in order to encourage the sale of this work in America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 112.**

From **Ph. Thieriot.** 1783. August 30. Bordeaux.

About to sail, in the ship "Nancy," for Philadelphia; pleased to be honored with Franklin's commands. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 113.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1783. August 30. Paris.

Sending Franklin the quarto copy [of the American Constitutions] for the Grand Duke of Russia, and also the one in octavo. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 114.**

From [**Mme.**] **Guichard de Meinieres.** 1783. August 31. Aux Pavillons de Chaillot.

Asking for a copy of the "Constitutions" translated by M. de la Rochefoucauld; hears it cannot be bought; would be proud to possess a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 115.**

From [**George**] **Fox.** [1783. August ?]

Will wait on Franklin on Thursday and receive his commands for America. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 148.**

From **Thérèse Aerts** *née* **Speeckaert.** 1783. August. Brussels.

Mrs. Williams unable, so far, to trace the whereabouts of her husband whose last letter, dated 1778, spoke of sailing for Boston; her miserable situation, deprived of a support, if he is living, and of his effects, if he is dead; encloses a memoir containing all the details [3 p.]; begs Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 116.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. September 1. Paris.

Congratulates him on his recovered health; begs him not to forget his offer, in case Congress desires to erect any monuments to the glory of the Nation or to the Generals who contributed thereto. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 117.**

By [**J.**] **Thiriot.** 1783. September 1.

In praise of Franklin. A. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 14.**

From [**Lewis**] **Littlepage.** 1783. September 1.

Thanking him for his acquiescence in his request to be sent to Congress with the definitive treaty; as Mr. Jay has declared himself decidedly in favor of Mr. Adams's clerk, begs Franklin not to trouble to propose him; will inform the Marquis de la Fayette what deference Franklin paid to his recommendation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 118.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. September 1. Vienna.

Desire of Count Chotek, Chancellor of Bohemia and Austria, to have the enclosed list of American plants sent to a good botanist who will at once forward the grains of seeds to Amsterdam. Urges Franklin to finish his glorious career in philosophical tranquility. His hopes of seeing Franklin in Vienna. Contented with what he has acquired by saving the most illustrious Princess of the world from a disease so fatal to her family; he enjoys in philosophical obscurity more real happiness than a conqueror of a world. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 119.**

From ——— **Briant.** 1783. September 2. La Chapelle.

Concerning a relative who in three years has lost all his fortune and most of his family; his purpose to start life again in a new country; thought it possible that Franklin might lessen for them the great expense of a trip to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 120.**

From ——— **Gouhard.** 1783. September 2. Nantes.

Sends a request addressed to [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] by John Mehegam, Carmelite at Brest, on behalf of poor Springer who is in a deplorable situation. Change of plans in the sailing of his vessel obliged [Samuel Cooper] Johonnot to apply for a further loan, which he granted him; gives the total of the amount borrowed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 121.**

From **[Jean Baptiste Artur] De Vermonnet.** 1783. September 2. Cape Frances, St. Domingo.

Account of his services to America; applies for the position of His Majesty's Vice-Consul for the United States; begs Franklin to intercede with the Minister on his behalf; encloses a memoir, in French, setting forth his services and the reasons for his request [2 p.]. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 122.**

From **Enoch Freeman, Jedediah Preble, Samuel Freeman, Timothy Dike, John Waste [Committee of the Sufferers in Falmouth, Casco Bay].** 1783. September 3. Falmouth, Casco Bay.

Transmitting to Franklin's care the enclosed address; hope the unhappy circumstances of their case will justify their application for relief; suggest the appointmnet of persons at different ports of France to receive any donations which may be offered; this will be handed Franklin by their friend, the Honorable James Bowdoin. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 123.**

From **Du Bois Martin.** 1783. September 3. Paris.

M. de Both desires to know if Franklin ever received his letter of February 24th, and begs that the answer may be confided to the writer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 124.**

From **François Giordana.** 1783. September 3. Turin.

Offers his services to the United States for the establishment of a silk manufactory. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 125.**

From ——— **Briaud.** 1783. September 4. Caen.

Desiring to go to America and practise his trade of carpenter and joiner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 126.**

From **Vicomte de Faudoas.** 1783. September 4. Paris.

Begging for letters of recommendation on behalf of a merchant-captain in Havre-de-Grace, who is about to sail for Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 127.**

From **Abbé Nolin.** 1783. September 4. Paris.

Thanking him for the trouble he took about the boxes of seeds which will arrive from America for him; sends a letter which he begs may be forwarded. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 128.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. September 6.

Writes on behalf of a poor sailor in the American service, who is unjustly imprisoned; begs Franklin to write a line to the Intendant at Caen in order to procure the poor fellow's release; M. de Crevecoeur wrote to her about him; will gladly provide the necessary funds to carry him to L'Orient. Looks forward with great pleasure to Franklin's little visit to Sanoir. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 129.**

From **Chevalier Du Ponceau.** 1783. September 6. Sarrelouis.

Since his return with the army of Rochambeau, has received no news of his brother [Peter Stephen Du Ponceau] who is employed at Philadelphia in foreign affairs; fears his letters have miscarried; takes the liberty of sending the enclosed under Franklin's care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 130.**

From [**Charles Claude Labillarderie,**] **Comte D'Angiviller.** 1783. September 7. Paris.

Delighted to be able to procure him the privilege of seeing the beauties of the salon with greater convenience; the aim and object of works of art. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 130½.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1783. September 8.

Expressing his own concern as well as that of the Royal Society of Medicine, for Franklin's indisposition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 131.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1783. September 8. London.

Transcribes a copy of the letter of Bridgen & Waller sent to the Honorable R. R. Livingston at Philadelphia concerning their offer to furnish the States of North America with a copper coinage; apologizes for sending the original to Philadelphia, without again consulting the Commissioners. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 132.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1783. September 8. Philadelphia.

Received the enclosed packet from Cape François; the other packet for Comte de Barbançon, he forwards, by [William] Bartram's request, to Franklin's care. Changes in the weather; prevailing sickness. Death of Mr. Joseph Turner and Mr. [Governor James] Hamilton. Increase of population by foreign immigration. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 133.**

From **Johann Christoph Bauer.** 1783. September 8. Goettingen.

Is a glass and brick manufacturer. Refers to an advertisement in the "Dantziger Zeitung," that glass-blowers could profitably locate in America. Detailed account of the establishment of a mirror factory, how it could be accomplished. He would make a venture in Flemish and mirror glass and refund money advanced by means of yearly payments. A. L. S. 4 p. **LIX, 25.**

From **de Neufville & Co.** 1783. September 8. Amsterdam.

Begging leave to send a letter to His Excellency John Jay, under Franklin's cover. Changes in the name of their firm. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 134.**

From **——— de Bays.** 1783. September 9. Nuits.

Congratulating Franklin on the independence of his country and on his part in the great event; sends him a basket of his best wine with which to celebrate the peace; will send the same for Mr. Washington. Desires Franklin's advice concerning the erection of a lightning-rod on one of his country houses. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 135.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1783. September 9. Philadelphia.

Arrival of [Samuel] Vaughan and his family who are lodging with them until better accommodations can be found. Promises to send the apples, nuts, etc. Uncertain what price to ask for the types sold to Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 136.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1783. September 9.

Sends a copy of the [Definitive] Treaty [of Peace]; the composition is done and the proof is nearly read. List of books on mathematics and their prices. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 137.**

From **Prince Bariatinskoy.** 1783. September 9.

Thanking Franklin for his information concerning the [Definitive] Treaty of Peace. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 138.**

From **[Jean] Rousseaux.** 1783. September 10. Brest.

Wrote Franklin from Dunkirk concerning the wages and prize-money due him for his services on board the "Lexington"; asks nothing but his just dues. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 139.**

From **[Joseph Michel] de Montgolfier.** [1783?] September 11.

Inviting Franklin to view his aerostatic experiment, to take place the following morning. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 76.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. September 12. Paris.

If he had only followed Franklin's advice, he would not be in his present deplorable situation; is held a prisoner on suspicion of being an associate of St. Ives; has proved the untruth of this to the Minister, and only needs a word from Franklin to obtain his liberty; unworthy as he is, hopes that Franklin will take pity on him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 140.**

From **[P.] Elmsly.** 1783. September 12. Paris.

Offering to carry any parcel Franklin may care to send to England. The four parts of the Philosophical Transactions from Sir Joseph Banks will be sent Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 141.**

From **[Mme.] Guichard de Meinieres.**
1783. September 12. Aux Pavillons du Chaillot.

Asking Franklin to dine with herself, her husband and the Guibert family; desires to thank him personally for the "American Constitutions." A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 142.**

From **F. M. De Cabanes.** 1783. September 12. Metz.

Begging Franklin to send the enclosed letter to Mr. Washington; knows no other way of procuring some information concerning one of his relatives, who fought at the siege of Yorktown. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 143.**

From ——— **Hobart.** 1783. September 12.

Not knowing where to find Mr. Adams, takes the liberty, in Governor Pownall's name, to forward him the memorial addressed to the Sovereigns of America; the Governor anxious to know whether his letter and power of attorney were ever forwarded to Mr. [James] Bowdoin and Dr. [Samuel] Cooper. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 144.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1783. September 13. Paris.

M. [Alexandre Théodore] Brongniart, of the Royal Academy of Architecture, has had an impression struck off of the medal intended to commemorate the Union of America and France; their wish to present this to Franklin in person; begs for an audience on Thursday. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 145.**

From [**Sir**] **Jos[eph] Banks.** 1783. September 13. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's account of the aerostatic experiment, and promising to lay it before the Royal Society when they next meet; prophesies great results from this opening of a road into the air. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 146.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 213; Bigelow, VIII, 330, Note).

From **Dominique-François Belletti.** 1783. September 15. Trieste.

Urging his former request for the position of Consul at Trieste, and thanking Franklin for his favorable expressions to M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy on his behalf. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 147.**

From [**Sir**] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1783. September 16. Dublin.

Congratulating him on the completion of America's independence; what America owes to him. His villa will be honored with a pillar to remind posterity of Franklin's transcendental virtues. Account of the general election; has been returned by a large majority; his bill for a more equal representation of the people, which he hopes to propose; question of America's trade with Ireland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 148.**

From [**Mlle.**] **E. Stubbs.** 1783. September 16. Versailles.

Apologizes for her temerity in sending the enclosed without being known to Franklin; a young physician, to whom she owes her present health begged her to forward it. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 149.**

From **Mrs. Hannah States.** 1783. September 16. Philadelphia.

Sends Dr. Franklin an acrostic, on his return to America. Was a staunch female Whig; occasionally wrote pieces which were printed. Is now 70 years old and the surviving sister of Tho[ma]s Godfrey, much esteemed by Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. and Poem. 2 p. **LI, 6.**

From **Prince Bariatinskoy.** [1783.] September 16. [Paris.]

Inviting him to dine. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Declining invitation on account of a prior engagement. **XLIII, 128.**

From ——— **D'Avelange.** 1783. September 17. Saint-Germain.

Begs his assistance in establishing him as physician and surgeon in one of the towns of the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 150.**

From **Ja[me]s Bennet.** 1783. September 17. Paris.

Account of his shipping as steward on board an American schooner, of his capture by the English, his imprisonment, release, his destitute condition; desires to obtain a passage home to Philadelphia; begs some assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 151.**

From **Patrick Murphy and others.** 1783. September 17. Bordeaux.

Begging Franklin to enable them to go to America or the West Indies; in His Majesty's service during the whole war; determined not to go to England; their number is twenty-six, and they are in debt and in danger of gaol unless Franklin will help them. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 152.**

From **Sam[ue]l Chase.** 1783. September 18. London.

Acknowledging his favor of July 15th; unfortunate for Mr. Russell that it did not come sooner; hopes something can still be done in his favor. Sent to London by the Legislature of Maryland to receive

their stock in the Bank of England; expects to meet with difficulties or even a refusal to make the transfer. Misconduct of the Chevalier de Quémy, Commander of the French frigate "Emeraude," in connection with the American ship "Matilda"; his cowardice and final desertion of that ship, which was captured by the British; desires Franklin's opinion on the chances of obtaining redress. Asks Franklin's aid on behalf of a lady of Annapolis, a Miss Ann Howard, who married, in 1781, M. Jean Le Vaché de Vaubrun, Captain in the Continental Army, afterwards lost at sea; sends proof of this marriage and begs Franklin to find out if she cannot inherit any property left by her husband. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXIX, 153.**

From ——— **Remond.** 1783. September 18. Paris.

Begs for an audience; believes he can offer to Franklin a new occasion to be of use to his country. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 154.**

From [**Robert**] **Pigott.** 1783. September 21. Geneva.

Asking that the enclosed letter may be forwarded. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXIX, 155.**

From ——— **Remond.** 1783. September 21. Paris.

Unable to call at the hour appointed; begs him to fix another time. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 156.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1783. September 23. Boston.

Congratulating Franklin on the return of peace and on his own conspicuous part in bringing it about; anxious to have it confirmed by the definitive treaty. Concerning the Committee of Falmouth, Casco Bay, whose inhabitants suffered so cruelly by the merciless orders of Admiral Graves; promises to send certain papers written by the Committee, as well as their address to the people of France; supposes Franklin will consult the Minister at Versailles, in order to obtain his favor in this business. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXIX, 157.**

From **Comte de Vergennes.** 1783. September 24. Versailles.

Sending a packet for the Chevalier de la Luzerne which he begs Franklin to forward to its destination. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 158.**

From **The Ambassador of the Emperor [of Austria].**
[*Circa* 1783.] September 24.

Forwarding a letter for him just received from M. Ingen Housz, at Vienna. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 121.**

From ——— **St. Martin.** 1783. September 25. Vèrteuil.

Has written Franklin many times concerning his chances of being re-employed in the American army; does not like to return to the United States in such uncertainty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXIX, 160.

From **de Flaudre de Brunville.** 1783. September 25. Paris.

Concerning a law-suit against M. Jean Robert Schaffer and others, convicted of abusing the confidence of various merchants; necessary to have the deposition of Franklin's grandson [William Temple Franklin]; thought best to inform Franklin first of this fact. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 161.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1783. September 26. Philadelphia.

Recommending to Franklin's protection Mr. Isaac Norris, son of their ancient and worthy friend Mr. Charles Norris, a young man of an amiable disposition and of good principles and morals; his intention of travelling in France and the Low Countries; wished he might have known more of his own country before going abroad. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXIX, 162.**

From ——— **Tournachon.** 1783. September 26. Paris.

Enclosing a memoir (2 p.) which he begs Franklin to send to Congress with his endorsement, asking for the position of Consul at Genoa for M. [Aimé] Bonnafons. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXIX, 163.

From **M[aréchal,] P[rince] de Soubise.** 1783. September 27. Paris.

Sends a license to hunt game for William Temple Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **CV, 119.**

From ——— **Krazeisen.** 1783. September 27. Paris.

Deputed by M. de Pachelbel to beg for some information concerning two brothers, Gottfried and Philippe Jacques Sommerlad, who sailed for America in 1748 and established themselves as manufacturers at Germantown near Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)
XXIX, 164.

From **Abbé de Solas.** 1783. September 27. Embrun.

His cousin, le Chevalier de Chef de Bien [de Chevigny], who served in America, is known to Franklin; takes the liberty therefore of presenting the case of a poor young man who has nearly finished his theological course but who feels his unfitness for that career; begs Franklin to find him employment in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXIX, 165.**

From **Benj[amin] Putnam.** 1783. September 27. Portsmouth, Va.

In great distress; his all is at stake; has heard nothing from Mr. [Matthew] Ridley and is ignorant how his affairs stand; considerable sum of money he deposited with Mr. Jonathan Williams [Jr.]; refers to his capture by a British man-of-war, his recapture and arrival at Portsmouth where he is now involved in a law-suit. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXIX, 166.

From **Rich[ard] Champion.** 1783. September 27. Whitehall.

Regretting his inability to profit by Mr. [Samuel] Chase's introduction to Franklin before leaving Paris; his wishes for the future interchange of good offices between America and England. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXIX, 167.

From **Lewis Boudinot.** 1783. September 29. Falmouth.

Transmitted the despatches to the French Ambassador at London, according to the orders received from his brother [Elias Boudinot]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXIX, 168.**

From ——— **Rousset.** [*Circa* 1783.] September 29. Paris.

Desires to go to America and continue the practise of medicine. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 71.**

From **Baron de Schönfeld.** [1783. September.]

Inviting him to dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 231.

From **J. Schaffer.** [1783. September.] Paris.

Applies to Franklin as a fellow-citizen, to rescue him from his cruel situation; arrested under suspicion of being in partnership with Mr. St. Yver, his lodger; swears he never had any business relations with him. Encloses letter from Menier de St. Yver to Franklin (3 p.), professing friendship for Schaffer and asserting their innocence; begs Franklin to obtain their liberty. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XLI, 183.

From **Bachois de Villefort,** Lieutenant of Police.
[1783. September.]

Asks Franklin about [J.] Schaffer, of Philadelphia, who has been arrested and on whom was found a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 90.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** [1783. September.] Paris.

Imprisoned on a false accusation of being a partner of one Saint-Yver; begs Franklin to write a few lines, stating his American birth and parentage; asks for the loan of a small sum of money. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLI, 204.**

From [**Miss E.**] **Stubbs.** 1783. October 1. Versailles.

Fears her former letter was lost, or considered an impertinence; begs him to clear up this doubt. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 1.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1783. October 2. Paris.

Sends fifty-three copies of the American Constitutions; number already forwarded; the book-binder desirous of being paid for his share of the work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 2.**

From **Charles Stamitz.** 1783. October 2. Spa.

Report of a French troop of players being about to establish themselves in America with M. Cl(e)[ai]rval as manager; offers his services as a teacher of music; three other singers and musicians anxious to accompany him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Cannot advise them to go to America; doubts the success of M. Cl(e)[ai]rval's project; America not yet ripe for such amusements. **XXX, 3.**

From **[Edme Jacques] Genet.** 1783. October 3. Versailles.

Acknowledging the letters of recommendation written him by Franklin; will endeavor to deserve such a mark of his favor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 4.**

From **Madame His.** 1783. October 4.

The Comtesse d'Houdetot desires news of Franklin's health; her impatience to see him at Sanoir, and her disappointment at not receiving an answer to her letter about the American sailor. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 5.**

From **——— Charvet.** 1783. October 4. Serrières.

Desires to go to America and establish there the culture of mulberry vines and the manufacture of silk; his experience in this branch of work; reasons why his ideas have met with so little recognition; his knowledge of the cultivation of grapes for wine. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 6.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. October 6. Sanoir.

Fears Franklin never received her letter relative to the American sailor. Reminds him of his promises to visit her that autumn. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 7.**

From **Mrs. [Dorcas] Montgomery and Son.** 1783. October 6. Paris.

Will dine with him on the following Friday. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 8.**

From **Lorenzo Manini.** 1783. October 9. Cremona.

Asking permission to dedicate to Franklin one of his publications, "Lettere Americane" by the celebrated President [Jean Renaud, Comte de] Carli[-Rubbi]; sends him two copies. A. L. S. 1 p. (In Italian.) **XXX, 9.**

From **[Sir] James Jay.** 1783. October 9. Paris.

Asking for a passport, as he expects to set out for England in a day or two. A. N. S. 1 p. **XXX, 10.**

From **J. B. Grimoult.** 1783. October 9. Paris.

A bill of exchange drawn by him on Richard Bache in favor of M. Malide; begs Franklin to pay it in France as a great favor to M. Malide. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 11.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 10. Paris.

Has no bread to eat nor a farthing in his pocket; insists that the bill on his father, which he encloses, will be paid; if Franklin refuses him some small assistance he must perish. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 12.**

From **[John Mauritius] Count de Bruhl.** 1783. October 10. Petworth.

Flattered at Franklin's letter, received through the ingenious M. de Kempelen. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 13.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 23).

From **John George Hoffmann.** 1783. October 10. Hirschberg in Silesia.

Reminds Franklin of his promise to recommend him to some good houses in America; has been informed that their Prussian King intends sending envoys to America to form trade connections, and make treaties of commerce; desires to know whether such envoys would be welcome and useful. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 14.**

From **Morel Dufaux.** 1783. October 11. Dunkirk.

Begging him to endorse his petition for the consulship at Dunkirk; services rendered by him to the Americans justify his claim; is favored with Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's protection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 15.**

From ——— **Ferry.** 1783. October 12. Marseilles.

Hopes to present him with one of his works which competed that year for a prize offered by the Academy; in the meantime copies out a few verses written in Franklin's honor. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXX, 16.**

From **Baron de Schönfeld.** 1783. October 13.

Begs him to forward to America the enclosed letter for M. [Ph.] Thieriot. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 17.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [1783. October 13?] Paris.

Begging Franklin to dine with him that day to meet the famous Mr. [William] Pitt and several of his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 140.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1783. October 14. Sanoir.

Her grief at hearing of Franklin's illness. Thanks him for his letter on behalf of the poor sailor; proofs of the genuineness of this man's case. Expects to stay in the country till December in order to rest mind and body after the loss which she has sustained. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 18.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 14. Paris.

Received Franklin's letter containing a doubt of his using his liberty to good purpose; swears he never contracted a farthing's debt himself, but intrusted his signature to a scoundrel; begs Franklin to procure his release, whereupon the Justice will return him some bills, one of which is on Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 19.**

From [**Miss E.**] **Stubbs.** 1783. October 14. Versailles.

Thanking him for answering her former letters; if an opportunity should offer of rendering Mr. D. a service, Franklin would benefit two persons, for he only waits to be established to marry. Hopes for Franklin's speedy recovery. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 20.**

From **Pierre Dessin.** 1783. October 14. Calais.

Promising to forward Franklin the two carriage wheels as soon as they arrive from London. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 21.**

From **John Gottfried Braumüller.** 1783. October 14. Berlin.

Refers to his letter of August 2d (LIX, 23). Desires Consulship. A. L. S. 2 p. **LIX, 54.**

From **M. Albert.** 1783. October 14. Paris.

Possibility of Franklin taking the apartments above his baths; if he can count on such an honor, will put all things in readiness for Franklin's reception. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 23.**

From ——— **de Letre.** 1783. October 15. Paris.

Inviting Franklin to be present at a fête to be given by the Masonic Lodge in honor of the wished-for peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 22.**

From **Vigneron de la Jousselandière.** 1783. October 15. Beauvoir.

His health obliges him to seek a hot climate; has decided on Virginia; the cost of a tract of land near a sea-port; nearly six hundred persons have offered to follow him to the New World; wishes to know by what laws in America he may hold them to their fidelity; they ask Franklin's protection and that of Congress and a letter of recommendation; for reference, mentions the Prince de Lambesc. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 24.**

From **John Baynes.**[1] [1783. October 15. Paris.]

Asks for a list of books and sends Mr. Mason's poem. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 89.**

[1] See Baynes's Journal in Works of Benjamin Franklin (Bigelow, VIII, 410).

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** [1783. October 15?] Paris.

The bearer, a lawyer, will explain to Franklin all the circumstances of his present detention. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 206.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1783. October 16.

Impost of five per cent. agreed to by the Legislature of Massachusetts for paying the interest on the National Debt; opposition to this measure. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 25.**

From **Dufourny de Villiers.** 1783. October 16. Paris.

His kindness in offering to grant an audience to the French engineer who commanded at the siege of Yorktown; introducing the bearer, a French merchant, who goes to Philadelphia on business with passports and letters from Government; asks for all the support Franklin can give him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 26.**

From **Hope & Co.** 1783. October 16. Amsterdam.

Introducing William French, Esq., of the firm of French, Crawford & Co. one of the richest houses of Glasgow; his desire to solicit Franklin's aid and protection in a matter connected with America; his travelling companion is Peter Speers, Esq., a young gentleman of family. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 27.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1783. October 17. Paris.

Requesting the honor of Franklin's presence at dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 28.**

From **John Baynes.** 1783. October 17. Paris.

His failure to get the list from the Abbé Morellet; hopes he will send it after him to England. Promises to give Franklin's message to the Bishop of St. Asaph. Hopes Franklin will keep the two books as a small testimony of his regard. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 29.**

From **Mary Ann Davies.** 1783. October 17. Florence.

Disappointed at receiving no answer to her letter; fears it miscarried; begs to be informed of the receipt of this and the fate of her former letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 30.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 18. Paris.

Informed by his lawyer that Franklin is willing to make him a small advance for his food, while he is waiting for the arrival of Mr. [Thomas] Barclay; promises faithfully to refund the money. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 31.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 18. Paris.

Assuring Franklin that it will be perfectly safe to entrust the small sum to the bearer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 32.**

From **Ric[har]d Holmes.** 1783. October 18. Naples.

Begging Franklin to aid him and Dominick Romers to employ their talents in America; they are both perfect masters in the manufacture of all sorts of woolen goods; ask to be given a passage to America. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXX, 33.**

From [Antoine Alexis François] Cadet de Vaux.
1783. October 19. Paris.

On the 22d, the electrical treatment will take place at the Convent of the Célestins; hopes to meet Franklin there and go afterwards to the wheat market; later they will dine together, and if M. de Montgolfier can arrange his machine they will proceed there in the afternoon. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) XXX, 34.

From [Antoine Alexis François] Cadet de Vaux.
1783. October 20. Paris.

M. Brunier anxious to see the electrical treatment of M. Comus; he proposes calling for Franklin at 10 A. M. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XXX, 35.

From [Sir] Edward Newenham. 1783. October 20. Dublin.

Had determined on the first day of their Parliament to introduce the subject of a commercial treaty; prevented by illness. Death of his personal and political friend, Mr. Baron [Walter Hussey] Burgh. State of their manufactures; suffering in Dublin; emigration to America; numbers prevented from sailing by the cruelty of the Captains. Result of the Roman Catholics obtaining votes in Ireland. Account of a bishop preaching in favor of Popery, clad in military array. His daughter in Marseilles is near having a French Newenham; the Consulship would be very acceptable to that house. Begs Franklin to give him any advice for the benefit of Irish trade. Question of an interchange of consuls between Ireland and America. Anxious for the treasure of the bust. Result of the Galway election. A. L. S. 3 p. XXX, 36.

From Jonat[han] Nesbitt. 1783. October 20. L'Orient.

Concerning the rate of insurance on the ship "Nancy" and the impossibility of obtaining a sentence in the Court of Admiralty at Dunkirk; encloses Mr. [Richard] Gallwey's letter on this subject [2 p.]; desires Franklin to lay it before the Comte de Vergennes. A. L. S. 2 p. XXX, 37.

From Benoist de Frenay. 1783. October 21.

Forced by his singular situation to address himself to Franklin; begs for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXX, 38.

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 22. Paris

The bearer will convince Franklin of his intention to quit Paris and return to his own home whenever Franklin thinks proper; is ready to furnish every security in his power, if Franklin will grant him what he craves. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 39.**

From **Madame Le Veillard.** 1783. October 22.

Wishing Franklin good-morning and begging him to drink tea with her that evening. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 40.**

From **François Giordana.** 1783. October 22. Turin.

Repeats his request of the 3d ult., and begs for a reply. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 41.**

From **Chevalier de Contrepont.** 1783. October 23. Paris.

Begs for an interview on a subject he believes will give pleasure to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 42.**

From **John Curwen.** 1783. October 23. Little Broughton.

Though an Englishman, wished well to the Americans in their late noble struggle, and now desires to settle with his family in that country; begs for some information concerning the sale of lands and the treatment likely to be accorded them as English people. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 43.**

From **Dr. Scrope.** 1783. October 24. Paris.

Promising to dine with Franklin, together with Mrs. Scrope and his daughter, on the following Sunday. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 44.**

From **Chevalier de Tugny.** 1783. October 25. Montbrison.

His plan for recruiting a body of troops for the service of America; his military experience and reputation. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXX, 45.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1783. October 27. L'Orient.

Enclosing a copy of the Comte de Vergennes's letter [1 p]; extremely surprised at finding his sentiments on the 22d Article of the

Preliminary Treaty so diametrically opposed to those of Franklin and the British Ministry; begs him to speak to the Count on the subject; if he persists in his opinion, it will be more prudent for them to abandon their dispute with the underwriters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 46.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. October 27. Nantes.

Enclosing a letter just arrived from Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 143.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1783. October 28. Dublin.

Desiring to know by return of post whether Ireland is mentioned in the Treaty; thinks Franklin is warranted in demanding this information of Mr. [David] Hartley; various ways of evading this question which the Ministry will find; public expectation high and Dublin in a state of the greatest anxiety; the dependence he puts on Franklin's assistance; Mr. [John] Foster's bill to facilitate the commercial relations between Ireland and America. Question of the protective duties will occasion much contest. Violent altercation between Mr. [Henry] Flood and Mr. [Henry] Grattan. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 47.**

From ——— **Birckel.** 1783. October 28. Strasbourg.

Refers to Franklin's letter in which he spoke of a method; this method is engraven on the soul of Franklin and on that of the best patriot in France, England and America; flight of fancy concerning the result of a union of these souls. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 48.**

From **Comtesse de la Brosse.** 1783. October 28. Chateau d'Héronville.

A year ago sent Franklin a letter for her brother in Virginia; not hearing from him since, takes the liberty of enclosing another, which she begs may be sent by the first opportunity; her mother's distress at not hearing from her son. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 49.**

From ——— **Sutter.** 1783. October 29. Paris.

Report of Franklin's plan to establish, in Philadelphia, master workers in glass; offers his services as well as those of many of his associates. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 50.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. October 29. Paris.

Repeating his desire to execute any monuments or statues for the United States; refers to his likeness of Franklin and to the tomb of Montgomery; has the cast of Franklin's portrait in case anyone desires it. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 51.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. October 29. Paris.

Report that the United States intends erecting a statue to Gen. Washington; if this is true, hopes he may obtain the commission. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 52.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1783. October 30. London.

Question of accounts and the balance due Franklin. If Congress should appoint a Consul for Great Britain, offers his services. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 53.**

From **J**[**ohn**] **Schaffer.** 1783. October 30. Paris.

Informed by his advocate of Franklin's promise to intercede with Mr. [Thomas] Barclay on his behalf. When arrested, the Inspector of Police left a man in his house to guard his goods; this person stole all that was left but he was arrested and is now in prison; begs Franklin's aid in the prosecution of this villain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 54.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1783. October 30. Paris.

Concerning a young negro slave, Abigail, belonging to Mrs. Jay, who was arrested at Franklin's and her mistress's request; her unwillingness to return to her mistress; as she has no money, supposes Mrs. Jay will pay six sols a day for her food during her detention. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 55.**

From **W**[**illia**]**m Vaughan.** 1783. October 31. London.

His family's safe arrival at Philadelphia; their enjoyment of Mrs. [Richard] Bache's hospitality; her resemblance to Mrs. [Joseph] Priestley. Quotes from a letter of Miss [S.] Beckwith in which she mentions having two of Franklin's granddaughters in her house. Letters from Philadelphia speak of the displeasure occasioned by the English declaration of July 2d; laments the short-sighted policy of England. Dr. [Richard] Price communicated Franklin's description of the air balloons to the Club; is to give Dr. Price a meeting with Messrs. Jay and Adams; wishes Franklin could be present. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 56.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. October 31. Paris.

Promising to repay Franklin's small advance before he leaves the country; desires a further loan of two louis in order to take the necessary steps against the person who stole his goods and clothes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 57.**

From **Bernard Rufin.** 1783. October 31. Passy.

Recommending two strangers to Franklin's kindness, one a linguist, capable of fulfilling the duties of a house-steward, the other a printer; their wish to dedicate their talents to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 58.**

From **M. and Mme. Brillon.** 1783. October.

Announcement of their daughter's marriage to M. Paris. Printed. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 6.**

From **Duc and Duchesse de Crillon et de Mahon.**

[1783. October.] Passy.

Requesting his presence at an entertainment followed by supper in honor of the birth of the two Royal children of Spain. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 28.**

From **Elias Boudinot.** 1783. November 1. Princeton.

Refers to his last letters, enclosing the Ratification of the Treaty with Sweden and an Act of Congress for altering a few words in it. Arrival from Germany of the Baron de Beelen Bertholf and a Mr. De Boor, relative to a connection between their country and America; encloses the answer of Congress with a copy for himself. The plan of the Peace Establishment does not yet permit him to give the required information about the dismission of Franklin's grandson; Franklin's enemies too few to prevent or delay America's gratitude. Probability of their employing two or three Ministers in Europe just as residents, leaving the other business to Consuls; economical measures necessary. Acknowledging the receipt of the medals; their distribution. Results of Franklin's approbation of the Rev. [Thomas] Wren's conduct. Expects to leave the Chair of Congress the next week and return to private life at Elizabethtown. Treaty of Denmark under consideration. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXX, 59.**

From **Isabella Strange.** 1783. November 2. London.

A packet for her friend, Mr. [James] Hunter, of [Richmond,] Virginia; hopes he will soon tell her how to forward her letters without imposing on his kindness. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 60.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1783. November 3. Paris.

Sending the copies of which he spoke, also an attempt to print in gold; eager to inform Franklin of every step in his career. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 63.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1783. November 4. Bordeaux.

Confined to his room by a broken arm, caused by a fall from his horse; will attend to Franklin's inquiries as soon as he is able. Question of allowing American merchants admission to the islands belonging to France; jealous of their sugar trade. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 64.**

From **de Flaudre de Brunville (?).** 1783. November 4. Paris.

Acceding to Franklin's request to delay judgment in the case of M. [John] Schaffer, until Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's return from Nantes. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 65.**

From **A. Barthold and C. Vaucher.** 1783. November 4. Paris.

Their desire to live under the flag of freedom; begging for a free passage. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 66.**

From **Pierre Dessin.** 1783. November 4. Calais.

Arrival of a large packet for Franklin which he will forward by the diligence; amount due him for expenses incurred. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 67.**

From **N. Lavallée.** 1783. November 4. Orleans.

Desiring to furnish America with a quantity of iron. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 68.**

From ——— **Lamy.** 1783. November 4. Paris.

Begging Franklin to accept a copy of his work in which he has been fortunate enough to place the name of Washington. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 69.**

From ——— **Nirmont.** 1783. November 4. Paris.

His unfortunate situation without money or work; begs Franklin to procure him some employment in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 70.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1783. November 5. Philadelphia.

Is sending two barrels of Newtown pippins, one barrel of chestnuts, a box of seeds and one of grafts; could not get a barrel of hickory nuts. Enclosing newspapers which will inform him of the unsettled state of their great folks who have been resolving and re-resolving on places for their permanent residence; they have lowered themselves much in the opinion of Americans. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 71.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. November 5. Paris.

Thanking him for his offer to make him a small advance from time to time for his subsistence during his confinement; acknowledging his kindness in writing a few lines on his behalf to the King's Attorney. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 72.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1783. November 6. Nantes.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 2d inst., covering a packet for the President of Congress; the two letters from a woman calling herself the widow of Mr. Sproul of Norfolk he leaves with Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] to be returned if asked for; she is a bad woman with no mean talents of insinuation. Thanking Franklin for the recommendation to his friends; begs for a line to Mr. [Robert] Morris; expects to sail in two days. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 73.**

From ——— **Esmangare.** 1783. November 6. Paris.

Gives the desired information about the sailor, John Hammon; no proof of certain of his statements, but his conduct while in prison has been excellent; thinks it would be desirable to procure him a passage to America. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 74.**

From ——— **Aleaume.** 1783. November 6. Paris.

Begs him to authenticate two powers of attorney. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 74½.**

From [Antoine Alexis François] **Cadet [de Vaux].** 1783. November 8. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to dine with him on the 12th, the day for their public meeting of the Academy. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 75.**

From ——— **Lacour.** 1783. November 8. La Rochelle.

His work in painting and faience; offers his services to the United States; question of his probable reception in America; hopes of forming an establishment there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 76.**

From [Jean Antoine] **Houdon.** 1783. November 8. Paris.

Concerning the book[1] relative to the casting of the statue of Louis XV, which M. Buf[f]on proposed to deliver to Franklin; offers his own copy, in case there may be some delay in obtaining the other. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 77.**

[1] Description des travaux qui ont précédé, accompagné et suivi la fonte en bronze d'un seul jet de la statue équestre de Louis XV. Dressée sur les mémoires de M. Lempereur, par M. Mariette, Paris, 1768.

From [Sir] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1783. November 9.

Victory for Mr. [Henry] Flood. Account of the Meeting of the Grand National Convention at the Royal Exchange; committee appointed to draw up a plan of reform; the Roman Catholics have abandoned, for the present, all pretences of obtaining votes; when Franklin has read the enclosed papers, begs him to send them to the Marquis de la Fayette. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 78.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. November 9. Paris.

Reasons why he is desirous of having a trial as soon as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 79.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. November 10.

Urging Franklin to obtain a speedy trial for him; his health cannot stand the strain of prison life much longer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 81.**

From ——— **Dessours, l'ainé.** 1783. November 10. Lyons.

Writes again concerning a plan to make the United States a formidable rival of the European powers; will send it to him at his request. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 82.**

From ——— **de Leidenfal [?].** 1783. November 10. Gotha.

Believes his services will prove an acquisition to the United States; offers himself as their Minister at the Court of Saxony; enclosing a bill on the Baron d'Arendt due his friend Mr. Fritsch; asks if Franklin or some other Ambassador will undertake the payment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 83.**

From **Tho[ma]s Collinson.**
1783. November 12. Southgate, Middlesex.

Account of the failure of the bank and his own ruin; his present residence in a small house in the country. Talk of philosophical subjects; Mitchell's success with his large spectrum; size of the one effected by [Sir William] Herschel; suggests some experiments on stars with a prism; the wonderful nature of light; quotes Franklin's remark that there was nothing he was so much in the dark about as light; lacks knowledge of Herschel's experiments. Kindness of Sir Joseph Banks in offering him the use of his library. Marriage of his nephew, Tritton. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 83½.**

From **Samuel Mather.** 1783. November 13. Boston.

Being in his seventy-eighth year and thinking what he could do for the benefit and comfort of his country, decided to write *The Dying Legacy* which he now sends to Dr. Franklin; acknowledgment of it he received from the President of Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 84.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1783. November 13.

Sending Franklin the necessary permission to obtain his books from the custom-house. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 85.**

From **Du Demain Grandais.** 1783. November 13. Paris.

Offers the homage of a young ecclesiastic; wishes to take charge of a young person's education; likelihood of the Americans sending their children to France to be educated; hopes Franklin will aid him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 86.**

From ——— **Pecoul.** 1783. November 14. Paris.

Concerning a debt due him by M. John Schaffer of Philadelphia, detained in the prisons of the Grand Chatelet; hears that Franklin

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has interested himself in this unfortunate and wishes to give his creditors their just dues; begs Franklin to take his case into consideration. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 87.**

From ——— **Rouzier.** 1783. November 15. Montargis.

Account of his sufferings from gout; begs Franklin to aid him in regaining his health. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 88.**

From **Carré de Malberg.** 1783. November 16. Verennes.

Sending a work whose plan is new although its subject is old. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 89.**

From **Abbé Wavran.** 1783. November 16. Hesdin.

Prevented by illness from sending Franklin his works; wrote to the Marquis de Condorcet, Secretary of the Academy of Sciences, proposing a discussion as to the true theory of electricity; by the experiments he has made along Franklin's line, is convinced of the falseness of the Abbé Nollet's theory; has received no answer from the Marquis; begs the favor of Franklin's protection. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 90.**

From **Chevalier de Tugny.** 1783. November 17. Montbrison.

Desiring to know whether his plan of the 30th ult. failed to arrive or whether it was unworthy of Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 91.**

From **Abbé Bevage.** 1783. November 17. Nismes.

Enclosing a letter for [Henry] Laurens and begging him to read it before sending it on; it concerns Mr. Laurens's promise to solicit a higher rank for his brother, M. de la Boyère, Captain of a Soissonais regiment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 92.**

From **Walter Brown.** 1783. November 17. Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Congratulating Franklin on the glorious liberty and independence of his country, in which he had so great a hand. His plan to establish a linen manufactory in America. Is the father of twenty-one children; anxious to provide for those still under his care and also to be useful to America, where he hopes in the future to lay his bones. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 93.**

From **Joh. Georg Mono.**

1783. November 18. Hochberg near Emmendingen.

Is a Lutheran minister and the father of five children; his third son desirous of trying his fortune in foreign lands; begs Franklin to either take him into his own service or find him some position in America; as he has no money, asks that his expenses may be defrayed. A. L. S. 5 p. (In Latin.) **XXX, 94.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1783. November 19. Vienna.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of Sept. 2d, 1783, with Mr. Samuel Wharton's enclosure and bill of exchange for £8,000; never received a number of Mr. Wharton's letters; gives directions how letters to Europe should be addressed. His interest in aerial balloons. Anxious to know if Franklin received his letter of August 15th. Expects his book to come out soon; M. Lavoisier's pamphlet on heat contains nothing similar to his work; has matter enough ready for a second volume of his book on vegetables; afraid of the delay in printing it. Desires to become a member of the [American] Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. Dutch hatred against England. Report of Mr. [Samuel] Wharton being in some difficulty about an immense tract of land he bought from the Indians. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 95.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1783. November 19. Paris.

Informed by his advocate that Franklin's son, William Temple, must write a line to deny having said that he (Schaffer) was a bad subject, etc. Mr. [William] Temple [Franklin]'s refusal to do this shows he must have said it; begs Franklin to procure this favor for him and to make him a small advance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 96.**

From **Edw[a]rd Nath[anie]l Bancroft.** 1783. November 19. Chiswick.

An account of their voyage to England and his father's departure for Philadelphia; his opinion of London and English food. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 97.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper.** 1783. November 20. Boston.

Writes under great difficulties; ill in his room attended by two physicians; cannot allow the Chevalier de Born to depart without carrying his thanks to Franklin for introducing to him such an able and

talented gentleman; when he is better, hopes to aid the Chevalier in his views in the Consular line. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "The last letter from my dear friend Dr. Cooper, who died in January following." **XXX, 98.**

From **Ignace, Chevalier de Born.** 1783. November 21. Vienna.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to Professor Märter at Philadelphia, his pupil, disciple and friend; suggested his name to the Emperor for the voyage to America, on account of his discoveries in Natural History; the bearer is M. [Paul] Strattmann sent by the Emperor to buy a part of the Duc de la Vallière's library. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 99.**

From **Lefebvre de Reve fils.** 1783. November 21. Paris.

Sent Franklin a memoir in the early part of October, concerning a request of the Neapolitan merchants for protection in the ports of the United States, where they propose to trade; begs for an answer. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 100.**

From [**Chevalier de**] **St. Olympe.** 1783. November 24. Havre.

Takes advantage of his last moments in France to express his veneration and respect for Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 102.**

From [**Sir**] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1783. November 25.

Results of the Grand National Convention; believes they will obtain a real reform. Desires Franklin's advice concerning a separate and distinct treaty between Ireland and the United States. Their Parliament daily sinking in the estimation of the public and with good reason; gives an account of their proceedings. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 101.**

From **Jean Rousseau.** 1783. November 25. London.

Has heard much of the jealousy in America as to the choice of a place for the sessions of Congress; advises their not sitting permanently in one place, but alternately in each of the thirteen provinces; hopes the idea will prove useful. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 103.**

From [**Armand Benoît Joseph**] **Guffroy.** 1783. November 25. Arras.

Concerning a request of the Chevalier du Richebourg for his share of the prize-money during his service in Commodore Jones's squadron on board the "Vengeance"; account of the fruitless efforts made by the Chevalier to obtain his just dues. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXX, 104.

From ——— **Guyon.** 1783. November 27.

His miserable condition; is sixty-one years old; lost his wife, after fifteen months' illness, and later his position as Receiver-General of Finances; there is still left him a little girl, an idiot; gives a minute account of the way the child was affected from infancy [2 p.]; throws himself on Franklin's kindness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXX, 105.

From [**Antoine**] **Court de Gebelin.**
1783. November 28. Musée de Paris.

Sending some tickets for the meeting at the Museum on December 4; their entire Society will be most flattered by Franklin's presence; their hope of bringing out a volume of memoirs during the winter; will be glad if Franklin would contribute to this first volume. Recommending his friend, M. Dupuis, an architect, who wishes to dedicate to the Queen his latest work, a plan for a magnificent play-house; begs Franklin's influence in his favor with the Comte de Vaudreuil. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 106.**

From **Menier de Saintyver.** 1783. November 28. Paris.

Franklin's abandonment of M. [John] Schaffer will plunge another family into misery; has no reason to defend Schaffer, but firmly believes him the victim of others; the interpretation which will be put upon Franklin's attitude; M. Schaffer's downfall will carry him with it; begs Franklin to have pity on him and his family. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 107.**

From [**Sir**] **Jos[eph] Banks.** 1783. November 28. [London.]

Concerning [Joseph Michel] Montgolfier's experiments; account of the ascent of a balloon in Sussex. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 108.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 32).

From **Kath[arine] Sproale** *now* **Douglas.**
1783. November 28. London.

Expressions of the deepest gratitude for what Franklin has done for Miss Maxwell and for herself; hopes that she and her seven children will obtain their just claim on Virginia property. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 109.**

From **Leleu & Co.** 1783. November 28.

A bill for candles. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 110.**

From **[Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.** 1783. November 29. Versailles.

Begging Franklin to grant an interview to M. du Trône, a young physician for whom he has already written two letters of recommendation to friends in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 111.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1783. November 29.

Sending a copy of a decree of Council concerning the cash discount; explaining the rights this gives the shareholders. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 112.**

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** 1783. November 30. Forbach.

Introducing M. de Gourdon, who has served with him in the Military School and is the kind of Frenchman Franklin likes. His reasons for thinking there will be no war in the East; quotes from a St. Petersburg letter, showing that in case Prince Potemkin should die of his illness, the Empress would decide for peace. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 113.**

From **Edw[ar]d Nairne.** 1783. December 2. London.

A hygrometer on a new construction; M. de Luc's hygrometer. Death of Mrs. Clark's only brother. Mrs. Nairne, Polly and Fanny not a little flattered at Franklin's mentioning them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 114.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 449).

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1783. December 2. Nantes.

Concerning Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's demand for all public accounts to be lodged at the Consular Office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 144.**

From **Major [William] Jackson.**

1783. December 3. On board the "Washington."

Regretting his departure for England, as it will delay his meeting with Franklin. Mr. [Richard] Bache and his family in perfect health when he left Philadelphia. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXX, 115.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1783. December 4.

Concerning politics in Ireland; the action of the Volunteers; description of their Assembly; acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 16th ult., relative to the Commercial Treaty not yet being concluded; is sick of Ireland and the way she is controlled by England. Col. Grattan's failure to be elected Colonel of the Dublin Independents; fears his opposition in the Reform Bill. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 116.**

From ——— **Guyon.** [1783.] December 3.

Obliged to have recourse again to Franklin's generosity in his present unfortunate situation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 37.**

From **[Jean Charles Pierre] Lenoir.** 1783. December 4. Paris.

Mentions the engraving of Franklin's stove sent by him to M. Cadet de Vaux. M. Cadet hopes Franklin will superintend the construction of a stove which is being built, according to his principles. Begs Franklin to send him a description of the stove and also of the grate which he intends to have built for open fires; wishes to make both public; debt the Government will owe Franklin as they are now busy perfecting the means of substituting coal for wood. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 117.**

From ——— **de Rocheplate.** 1783. December 6. Paris.

Begs for an audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 118.**

From **M[ariamne] Williams.** [1783?] December 6.

Arranging to dine with Franklin and spend the night with Mme. Helvétius. Hoped they would see him at St. Germain. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 118½.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1783. December 8.

Sending a letter from the Lieutenant-General of Police and two tickets from Messrs. Le Grand and Molinos. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 119.**

From ——— **de Rocheplate.** 1783. December 8. Paris.

Franklin's letter appointing a day and hour never reached him until too late to keep the appointment; begs him to name another time. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 120.**

From [**Sir**] **Jos[eph] Banks.** 1783. December 9. [London.]

Balloons. Experiment of M. [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles. Practical flying belongs to France; theoretical flying to England; cites Bishop Wilkins and Mr. [Henry] Cavendish. Mr. Mitchell's paper on light being subject to gravitation. Description of a miserable comet noted by Mr. Nathan[iel] Pigot[t] in his observatory at Yorkshire. Account of a piece of mechanism consisting of four wings and warranted to fly. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXX, 121.**

Printed, almost entire, in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 276.

From **Chevalier d'Osmont.** 1783. December 9. Ducey.

Begging for news of Jacques Charles d'Osmont, who at one time settled at Petersburg, Va.; rumors of his death; begs Franklin to ascertain the truth of this report; the great importance to him of this information. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXX, 122.**

From ——— **de Pio.** 1783. December 10. Paris.

Sending Franklin the fourth volume of M. Filangieri's work together with his letter. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 123.**

From **J. Vebon.** 1783. December 10. St. Malo.

Sending a letter entrusted to him by Dr. [Samuel] Cooper, and also some Boston papers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 124.**

From [**Jean Baptiste Artur De**] **Vermonnet.** 1783. December 10. St. Domingo.

Reminding Franklin of his former request for the position of Vice-Consul in one of the three departments of the United States. Account

of the financial troubles which obliged him to make this request. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 125.**

From **Bouttrel du Rivault.** 1783. December 12. Mirebeau.

His services in the American army; one of his legs badly injured during the war; complains of the ungracious treatment he received, the lack of clothes, provisions and pay; applies to Franklin to enable him to obtain his just dues. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXX, 126, and XXXI, 39.**

From **Girault De Keroudou.**

1783. December 12. Collège de Louis le Grand.

In the collection of President Rolland which he sent Franklin, he will find a dissertation on the use of the French language in inscriptions, treaties, etc.; the author wishes to make some changes and additions on the subject and desires to know if the Resolutions of the Republic and some of their inscriptions are in French. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 127.**

From **Menier de Saint Yver.** 1783. December 13. Paris.

Reminds Franklin of his promise to engage Mr. [Thomas] Barclay on his return to aid Mr. [J.] Schaffer. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 128.**

From ——— **Le Febvre.** 1783. December 13. Lille.

Sends a copy of the proceedings in which is inserted his speech for the publication of peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 129.**

From **Madame Sorin.** 1783. December 15. Paris.

Begging Franklin to procure her a copy of the treaty of the United States with England and one of their treaty with Spain. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 130.**

From ——— **de Beauregard.** 1783. December 16. Paris.

Is the Vice-Consul of Sardinia at the French port of Cette; advantage of having an American Consul stationed at that port; offers his services. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 131.**

From [Charles] **Williamos** [?]. 1783. December 16. Paris.

Asking for the necessary passports for America; proposes to set off in two days. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 131½.**

From ——— **de Lamardelle.** 1783. December 17. Paris.

Asking for Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's address; hears that he is Agent for Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 132.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1783. December 18. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 133.**

From **Baron de la Courtelle.** 1783. December 18. Paris.

Is a brother Mason; abjectly wretched, desiring only to die; is the father of four children—a girl, whom he has placed in a convent, and three boys, all at military schools; begs Franklin to render him some assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 134.**

From ——— **de Rocheplate.** 1783. December 18. Paris.

Sending Franklin two manuscripts on geometry; hopes they will amuse and interest him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 135.**

From [Madame] **Tonnelier.** 1783. December 18. Moulins.

Her husband, a fellow-countryman of Franklin; account of his work, death, and her present unfortunate situation with a large family to bring up and educate; begs Franklin to procure her a continuation of certain privileges, or a pension from the King. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 136.**

From **Mr. and Mrs.** [John] **Sargent.** 1783. December 19. London.

If Franklin intends coming to London in the ensuing spring or summer, they beg his acceptance of their town house, which with their country house and equipage are all at his service. Health of his family. Their great desire to see Franklin; will be ashamed to talk with him of England and its Government, which daily sinks deeper in disgrace. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXX, 137.**

From [Capt.] J[oshua] Barney. 1783. December 19. Havre-de-Grace.

Has shipped the three barrels and the box of seeds on a vessel for Rouen; has none of the nuts of which Franklin spoke, but will bring a quantity on his next voyage. Thanks him for his kind offer which the shortness of his stay prevents his accepting. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXX, 138.

From ——— Bonnefoy. 1783. December 19. Lyons.

Is a member of the College of Surgery at Lyons; desires to lay before Franklin a plan, which, if carried out, would bring American surgery to the last degree of perfection; his friendship with various French surgeons of note; if Franklin approves his suggestion, will send him the details of the plan. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) XXX, 139.

From Anne d'Estko *née* Kosciuszko.
1783. December 19. Brzesc in Lithuania.

When her brother, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, entered the service of the United States, he left with her the direction of his property and lands; no word has come from him since his departure; on account of his reported death, the creditors of her eldest brother wish to seize his estate; in this emergency, begs Franklin to obtain some certified information of his existence or death; encloses an extract from a letter of M. le Comte de Murinet which ought to be sufficient in itself to prove her brother's existence. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXX, 140.

From Marquis de Vaudreuil. 1783. December 19. Paris.

On the 3d ult., sent Franklin two memoirs entrusted to his care by M. Pacaud, asking for the position of American Consul in St. Domingo; begs Franklin to send the memoirs to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XXX, 141.

From ——— Hardy. 1783. December 20. Ervy.

Ignorant what is the dominant religion in America or whether Congress intends having an exclusive religion. Is a Roman Catholic priest, Principal of the College of Ervy-le-Châtel; offers to expatriate himself for the good of his religion and the service of the Americans; hopes Congress will be able to place him in an advantageous position;

thinks he could persuade several of his friends to accompany him, if the prospect appeared hopeful. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXX, 142.**

From **[John] Paul Jones.** 1783. December 20. Paris.

Accepting his invitation for dinner on the 25th. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 143.**

From **Sam[uel] Chase.** 1783. December 20. London.

Before this reaches Franklin he will hear of the dismission of the late Ministry; Mr. [William] Pitt is Prime Minister; no other appointment is fixed; names of some who are expected to hold office. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 144.**

From **[Capt.] J[oshua] Barney.** 1783. December 21. Havre-de-Grace.

Among the packages brought on shore, is one directed to Franklin containing snuff and tobacco; would have been heavily fined if he had been detected bringing it ashore; supposes Franklin has letters concerning it; as it cannot be sent, begs for Franklin's instructions on that head. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 145.**

From **P[rin]ce Bariatinskoy.** 1783. December 22. Paris.

Concerning a Resolution of Congress to obtain the King's permission, in order that the French officers who served in America might accept the insignia of an order to be established in memory of the Revolution; informed that the Royal consent has been obtained; desires Franklin to send him the details of the affair that he may make them known to his Court. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 146.**

From ——— **Giraud.** 1783. December 22. Paris.

The United States, having had a large share in the dedication of this almanac, takes great pleasure in sending them a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 147.**

From **The Ambassador of the Emperor [of Austria].** 1783. December 22. Paris.

Requesting him to forward letters to Baron de Beelen, the other to one Professor Märter. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 66.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. de Valnais.** 1783. December 22. Paris.

Will wait on him the following Thursday. Acknowledge Mr. [William Temple] Franklin's kindness in sending Dr. [Samuel] Cooper's letter. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 148.**

From **[Jonathan] Nesbitt.** 1783. December 23. Paris.

Will dine with Franklin on Thursday. Encloses the letter of M. de Vergennes relative to the 22d Article of the Preliminary Treaty. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 149.**

From **J[oseph] Mayo.** 1783. December 23. Paris, Hotel de Portugal.

Owing to his late illness, is unable to dine with Dr. Franklin on Thursday. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 150.**

From ——— **de Lasson.** 1783. December 23. Paris.

Requesting Franklin's presence at the opening of his shop; all his wares made of straw. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 151.**

From ——— **Harrison.** 1783. December 23. Paris.

Prevented from accepting Franklin's invitation by an indisposition which has kept him confined since his arrival in Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 152.**

From ——— **Creuzé.** 1783. December 24. Poitiers.

Certain reflections on the construction of aërostatic machines; if these ideas can be of any use, presents them to Franklin as a slight mark of his respect. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 153.**

From ——— **Lamy.** 1783. December 24. Paris.

Sent to him and to the Comte d'Estaing a pamphlet he wrote on the Chevalier d'Assas and the regiment of Auvergne, part of which served under the eyes of Gen. Washington; fears the copy never reached him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 153½.**

From **Baron de Breteuil.** 1783. December 26. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter,[1] in which he asks that [J.] Schaffer should be sent to the Islands; will do all he can, but gives certain reasons why it may be legally impossible. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 154.**

[1] Draft of this letter in French (XXX, 154a), setting forth M. Schaffer's respectable connections in America and Franklin's reasons for making this request. [1 p.].

From **John Jay.** 1783. December 26. Bath.

His indisposition. Acknowledgment of Franklin's kindness. Report of Franklin's illness. Declines writing about politics; opinions in England for and against Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 155.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 47; Bigelow, VIII, 403).

From **Griffin Greene.** 1783. December 26. Paris.

Begging Franklin to send the enclosed letter for General [Nathanael] Greene, by the first vessel for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXX, 156.**

From **[Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval.** 1783. December 26. Versailles.

Recommending the enclosed packet to Franklin's care. One of his friends, M. Chateaufort, desires a letter of recommendation to Dr. [Richard] Price; he expects to spend several months in England from motives of curiosity. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 157.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1783. December 27. Clausthall.

Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to him in Paris. Begs for some details of M. [Jacques Alexandre César] Charles's experiment in aerial navigation; his serious reasons for desiring this information. Description and drawing of the Weisner, an isolated mountain in the country of Hessia. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXX, 158.**

From ——— **Charvetié.** 1783. December 28.

Announcing his hurried departure for London; sends the enclosed by a messenger and if Franklin has any commands for Mr. [John] Sargent or any other person, begs they may be sent at once. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXX, 159.**

From **John Walter.** 1783. December 29. London.

Concerning a late improvement which consists of printing with entire words instead of single letters; its gracious reception in England; if it would be equally acceptable to America, will send an exact copy of the founts and the mode of conducting it. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXX, 160.

From **Theodoor Van Moorsel & Co.** 1783. December 30. Ostend.

Offering several cannon, the purchase of which might prove serviceable to the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 161.**

From **Chevalier Du Ponceau.** 1783? December 30. Island of Ré.

Uneasiness concerning his brother [Peter Stephen]'s fate, has not heard from him for a year; encloses a letter for him and begs for some information regarding his whereabouts. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXX, 162.**

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1783. December 31. Rouen.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind letter by M. Lamot and reminding him of his promise to visit them before he leaves the country. Franklin having attained all he longed and wished for, it is high time he enjoyed himself. The wheels are found and will be forwarded as soon as the river is navigable. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXX, 163.**

From **Chevalier Dubuysson.**
1783. December 31. Moulins-en-Bourbonnais.

The Marquis de la Fayette desires the papers which the writer sent Franklin, in order to find out if he is eligible to the Society of the Cincinnati; begs Franklin to forward them to the Marquis, and to grant him favorable consideration. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXX, 164.

From **Baron de Breteuil.** 1783. December 31. Versailles.

Since his last letter, has ascertained that [John] Schaffer has been found guilty of swindling and transferred to the prisons of the Conciergerie; under these circumstances, cannot possibly interfere; advises Franklin to apply to the Keeper of the Seals for a pardon or a commutation of his punishment. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 165.**

From [**Jean-Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1783. December 31. Paris.

Wishes for the New Year. Sees by the papers that it is proposed to build a city and a palace for Congress; if his feeble talents can be of any use, hopes Franklin will not forget him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXX, 166.**

From [**John**] **Carter.** [1783. December.]

Requests him to forward a letter by the express he sends to Capt. [Joshua] Barney at Havre. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 249.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Bachelier.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Proposes to establish a technical school in the United States for training the young in useful arts and industries. Mem. 2 p. (In French. In Franklin's handwriting.) **LX, 94.**

From ——— **Berthier fils.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Asking a letter of recommendation from Franklin. Is going to establish himself in business at Philadelphia. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 297.**

From [**William**] **Bingham.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Asks for a passport, and the letter which was promised him for the Count d'Adhémar. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 283.**

From [**François**] **Blanchard.** [1783. Paris?]

Informed by M. de Sarsfield that Franklin intends coming to see his flying ship, the following day; the mechanism at present entirely concealed; begs him to postpone his visit for several days. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 173.**

From **Baronne de Bourdic.** [1783?] Bourdic.

Preserves with the greatest care the medal given her by Franklin; another precious possession is the little picture of Franklin drawn by Mlle. de Givonne; quotes the verses written underneath, composed by herself. Begging Franklin to grant a brief audience to two of her friends, Abbé de la Mailière and his father, the General. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 139.**

From **Baronne de Bourdic.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Will bid good-bye to Dr. Franklin at Passy. Asks leave to introduce some ladies to him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 127.

From **Baronne de Bourdic.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to give a letter of recommendation to one of her friends from Languedoc. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.)
LXXIV, 108a.

From **James Bowdoin.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Concerning the inhabitants of Falmouth in Casco Bay, who, in October, 1775, had the greater part of their houses and effects destroyed by the merciless orders of Admiral Graves; opportunity presented of befriending these people. Extract from L. 2 p. (Copy.) **XLI, 83.**

From **The Count and Countess de Brancas.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Inviting Franklin and his grandson to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 139.**

From **Frédéric Guillaume Ferdinand de Brandenstein.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Writes from near Bayreuth asking for information about the United States, and if colonists would be accepted and under what conditions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 284.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1783.] Monday, 3d.

Has arranged to go to the Salon with Franklin and take breakfast at M. Vernet's. Will give him particulars when he calls at her house on Wednesday evening. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 89.

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1783.] Sunday evening.

Will await Franklin Monday morning to go to see the paintings and then take breakfast at M. Vernet's. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 90.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1783.] Saturday. Passy.

Hopes Franklin will come and take tea at her house that afternoon. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 91.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Asking Franklin to take tea and bring his son [William Temple Franklin] and Benjamin [Franklin Bache]. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 92.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Sorry to hear that Franklin and his grandson have company at their house on Christmas day and cannot dine with her. Hopes Franklin will call in the evening to take tea and hear some music. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 33.**

From **Colonel [Chevalier de] Cambray.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Is extremely sorry that he cannot have the honor of accepting his invitation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 254.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Introducing a member of the Marquis d'Aranda's family, Dr. Simon de Casas. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 21.**

From **Mrs. [John] Carter.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Will call on Dr. Franklin accompanied by the young gentlemen. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 156.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [John] Carter.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Invite him to dine with them. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 250.**

From **Le Blanc de Castillon.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Recommends Prosper Mouret, a printer, who wishes to go to the United States. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 90.**

From **André Chester.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Secretary of Admiralty and interpreter of English at Marseilles, asks to be authorized to attend to American shipping interests. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 126.**

From **——— Duchesac and Frauché de Cl(e)[ai]rval.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Are theatrical directors; propose to establish a theatre at Philadelphia and bring over a troupe of actors from France; ask Franklin's approval and support. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 131.**

From **Mme. de Cologan.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Requests a letter of introduction for Mr. John Shaw, a merchant who is going to Teneriffe for a cargo of wines which he will take from there to Philadelphia and other ports. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 248.**

From **Mme. de Cologan.** [1783?]

Bidding good-bye to Franklin on her departure from Paris. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 61.**

From **St. Jean de Crevecoeur.** [1783?] Tuesday. Paris.

Desiring to know where he can procure two of Franklin's medals; imprudently promised them in Normandy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 102.**

From ——— **Cussac.** [1783.] Paris.

Sending a prospectus of a new edition of Plutarch's works. dedicated to the Marquis de la Fayette; begs Franklin's interest on behalf of the work both in France and America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 36.**

By **Abbé N—— A—— D——.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Inscription for the pedestal of an obelisk to be erected to Liberty on a square in Boston. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 51.**

From ——— **Delavoiepierre.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Proposes to go to the United States to make wine. Offers to submit his process and methods to doctors and chemists, if Franklin approves of his plans. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 55.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Begging Franklin and his grandson to spend Easter with her, as well as Keralio, Caillot and [de] Fontenet; they will all drink tea and play chess. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 42.**

From **La Douairière Duchesse de Deux-Ponts.** [1783.]

Sends him some new leaves to read. Asks him to return those he has read and to observe the strictest secrecy about them. Will return to Versailles soon to await the home-coming of her son whose arrival is expected in the beginning of June. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 252.

From **Mrs. D'honne.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Sending Dr. Franklin two volumes of the History of America and three pamphlets which her son has brought from Lord Shelburne. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 82a.**

From **Mme. [Comtesse] Dillon.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to Mr. Sheldom. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 82b.**

From **M. Ducker.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Reminding Franklin that, on the recommendation of the Chevalier de Chastellux, he had promised to give him letters of introduction for Philadelphia and Boston. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 163.

From ——— **Du Radier.** [*Circa* 1783.] Nantes.

Requests an opinion of his proposal to establish a certain industry in America. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 84.**

From **Jacques Dutilh.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Requests Dr. Franklin to give him a letter of recommendation to some one in Boston where he is going. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
LVII, 42.

From [**Major Pierre Charles**] **L'Enfant.** [1783?]

In company with Messrs. de Villefranche and de Rochefontaine called on Dr. Franklin on their arrival from America to present their respects. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 166.**

From [**Jacques**] **Finck.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Proposition for catering to Franklin's household. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 3.**

From [Jacques] **Finck.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Accounts and agreements between Dr. Franklin and Finck, his butler. Mem. 5 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 5-11.**

From [Jacques] **Finck.** [1783?]

Account as steward for wages, table supplies, etc. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXIII, 4.**

From W[illia]m T[emple] **Franklin.** [1783.]

Oath of office as Secretary to the Commissioners to conclude peace with Great Britain. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LVIII, 79.**

From ——— **de Galenval.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Begging Franklin to assist him to America; willing to adopt any career he may advise. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 23.**

From [René Georges] **Gastellier.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Acknowledging with gratitude Franklin's permission to dedicate his book to him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XL, 26 and 30.**

From **M. Girard.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Offering his services as civil engineer and architect. Wishes to settle in the United States. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 80.**

From [Ferdinand] **Grand.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Gives address of M. [Palteau] de Veimerange. Asks William Temple Franklin to send him some accounts which he left on the latter's desk. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 240.**

From ——— **Heraut.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris[?]

Sees no way out of his present difficulties except to become a citizen of America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 151.**

From [Sir] **James Jay** *to* **The American Commissioners.** [1783?]

Taking leave of the Commissioners before departing from Paris. A. L. 1 p. **LXI, 59.**

From ——— **Joannis.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Has sold type to Franklin; requests his help in his plan of going to America to start a type foundry. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XLII, 63.

From **Chevalier de Keralio.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Description of bird grass and how it is grown in Virginia. Seeds said to have been originally carried there by birds of prey. Easy to grow and makes good fodder for horses. It is proposed to grow it in France, and wishes to obtain some of the seed. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 42.**

From **Adam Christian Kümmel.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Occupied for thirty years in making comparative tables of the monies of Europe; sends Franklin nine of these tables, which he begs him to introduce into the United States; hopes to realize enough from them to print the remaining fifty-three tables. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 195.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette and Marquis de Chastellux.** [1783?]

Request Franklin to obtain the decoration of the Order of Cincinnatus for Dr. [Jean François] Coste, Surgeon-in-chief of the French army in America and member of the American Philosophical Society, etc. Mem. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 123.**

From ——— **Lafont.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Desires to go to America and practice medicine there; requests letters of recommendation for Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Cannot encourage him to establish himself among strangers, of whose language he is ignorant; recommends him to go to one of the French islands. (In French.) **XL, 181.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Unable to dine with Franklin on Saturday; will come Sunday if convenient. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 159.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Begging for the return of a paper containing certain proposed experiments by [General Jean Baptiste Marie] Meusnier, to be read before the Academy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 170.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [1783?]

Occupied with his balloons. Begs him to take tea with him. Messages for his grandson. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 173.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** Sunday morning. [1783?]

Invites Franklin and his grandson to take tea at his house and witness a balloon ascension. Prince de Bariatinskoÿ will be present. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 140.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [1783?]

Invites Franklin to take tea with him on Saturday and see some balloons go up. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 146.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Invites him and his grandson to dine with him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 147.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Unable to accept Messrs. Franklin's invitation for Saturday, as it is Academy day. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 149.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Sends a catalogue of seeds which Franklin had promised to forward to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 151.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Invites Franklin to come and see him and Mme. Le Roy in their new apartments. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 157.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.** [1783?]

Asks his decision about going to see the experiments of M. de Montgolfier. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 173.**

From **[Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Has been told by Prince Bariatinskoÿ that Franklin is to dine with him. Asks if he could take him in his carriage. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 175.**

From **[Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1783?]

M. de Montgolfier has heard that Franklin would like to see an experiment with his balloon in private and with only a few persons present. Asks what day would suit him. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 176.**

From **Prince de Luz.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Requests letters of recommendation for Jean Nicolas Joseph Hankars, of Liège, to prominent people in Philadelphia. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 203.**

From **Abbé [Gabriel Bonnot] de Mably.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Recommending M. Rochas who intends to settle in Boston. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 207.**

From **Maréchal [Augustin Joseph] de Mailly.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Sending a few copies of the plan and situation of Port-Vendre. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 210.**

From **Barthelemy Martin.** 1783.

Question of commercial relations between America and France. Offering his services for the position of Consul at Cette. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXX, 168.**

From **[Louis François Antoine Nicolas, Marquis de] Messey.** [1783.]

Acknowledging the medal struck in honor of America's independence; refers to the kindness shown him during his stay at Passy; regrets that he could not have shed his blood in the American cause. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 68.**

From **[Marquis de] Messey.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Congratulating Franklin on the great part he has played in America's independence; desires to be a witness of all the homage which his countrymen will render to his heroic virtues. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 69.**

From **Caqueray de Mezancy.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Refers to his plan for starting a glass factory in America which received Franklin's approval. Requests the latter to notify him when a vessel arrives from America so that he may get passage on it. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 57.**

From **Count de Milly** *et al.* **(Members of the Lodge of the Nine Sisters).** [1783?]

Informing him of the place and time at which the fête in celebration of peace will be held. He is expected and urgently requested to be present on the occasion. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 209.**

From **Veuve Gaspard Mollien and fils ainé.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Ask him to recommend them as agents for American vessels and crews coming to Calais. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 56.**

From [**Jean-André**] **Mongez.** [1783.] Paris.

Sending him the third volume of their Dictionary of Agriculture. Report of the medals which are to be struck in honor of peace; desires specimens for their famous collection of medals. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 80.**

From ——— **Nevill.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Desiring to see him on particular business. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 41.**

From [**François**] **Félix Nogaret.** 1783. Versailles.

Sends two notes and a petition from the Lodge of Patriotism of Versailles (5 p.) asking for the appointment of M. Gautier of Barcelona as Consul for the United States at that port. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 217.**

From **François Perrault.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Desires to consult Franklin concerning establishing himself in business in America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 172.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** [1783.]

Number of copies of the *Constitutions* sent Franklin; sixty copies still at his disposal; thinks he has forgotten the Stadtholder of Holland and the States-General. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 145.**

From **R[obert] Pigott.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Sends him three letters which he brought from Geneva; asks permission to pay his personal respects. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 204.**

From **R[obert] Pigott.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Unable to dine at Passy as he proposed, on account of business; intends going to England Sunday morning. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 205.**

From **Abbé Le Poer.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Desiring to take the oath of allegiance to the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 145.**

From **Marquis de Ponçins.** [*Circa* 1783.]

His desire to settle in America; applies for a grant of land from Congress. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLI, 110.**

From **——— Prugné.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Served in the Commissariat Department with Rochambeau's army in America; petitions Franklin to help him obtain a brevet as an invalided officer. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 96.**

From **——— Reveillon.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Is a manufacturer of wall paper; asks for information about trade in the United States. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 102.**

By **[——— Richard.]** 1783.

On England's defeat by the American Colonies and their independence. Verses. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 90.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** [1783.] London.

Congratulating Franklin on the restoration of peace. Question of a bill of exchange sent to Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand. Hopes to hear from Franklin in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 137.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1783.] Wednesday. [Paris.]

Has sent the printer the Treaty of Alliance with France and that with Holland; desires the Treaty with Sweden and the Preface as soon as possible. Elections to the Academy; will take great pleasure in seconding Franklin's views for Mr. [Joseph] Priestley. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 116.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1783?]

Requests the return of the translation of the Constitution of Virginia, in order that he may make some corrections, and to send him the continuation of the Constitution of Maryland. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 225.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1783.]

Presenting Messrs. Franklin and Deane with fifty copies of the American Confederation, translated. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 28a.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1783?]

Sending Dr. Franklin the translation of the New Constitution of Delaware. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 30.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** [1783?]

Requesting Dr. Franklin to let him have the "Minutes of the Convention held at Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Legislation." A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 28b.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1783.

Asking for a copy of the Treaty with Sweden, for insertion in his work. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXIII, 24.**

From **[August] F[riedemann] Rühle [von Lilienstern].** [*Circa* 1783.]

A plan to gather together all poor unfortunates and transplant them to America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 94.**

By **Philippe de St. Mars.** [1783.]

On the new constitution of laws for America. A tribute to Franklin. Poem. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 35.**

From **[John] Sargent and ——— Chambers.** [*Circa* 1783.]
Send, from London, their compliments to Dr. Franklin. Mem. 1 p. **LXX, 29b.**

From **Baron de Sauriol-Vissec.** [1783.] Paris.

Begging his interest on behalf of an American, [J.] Schaffer, who risks being dishonored in the eyes of all the world. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 169.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** [1783.] Paris.

Thanks for the money loaned in the past and begs another small advance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 205.**

From **Johann Schmoldt,** of the Duchy of Bremen. [*Circa* 1783.]

Calls his attention to the tax of 10 per cent. levied on the property of those who wish to leave the Duchy to go to America or other foreign countries. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 49.**

From **François Bruton de Sibery.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Petitions for a free passage to America for himself and his family where he proposes to establish a factory for coloring and printing fabrics for tapestries, etc. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 69.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** [*Circa* 1783.] Wednesday.

Asking his commands for England. Refers him to the inscription on the Peace of Munster; desires his speedy appearance in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 101.**

From **Mme. Sorin.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Requesting an interview for M. Desouche who wishes to see Franklin about several matters. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 217.**

From **J[ohn] Torris and ——— Wante.** [1783.]

Their intention, now that peace is declared, to send vessels to America with a rich cargo; desire a letter of recommendation to the house of Messrs. Bache & Shee; advisability of sending their ship under the American flag. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 150.**

From ——— **Tourton.** [*Circa* 1783.] Monday 31.

Asking for the address of Mr. John Perkins who was then in Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 235.**

From ——— **Tourton.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Wishes to see him on an important matter. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 73.**

From ——— **Tourton and** ——— **Maur.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Have received a letter which will interest Dr. Franklin. Desire to see him to communicate its contents. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 74.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. de Valnais.** 1783. ——— 25. Paris.

Promising to wait on Franklin, agreeable to his invitation. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXX, 167.**

From **Chevalier De Valori.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Desires to settle in America; begs Franklin's influence to obtain land and employment. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 20.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard.** *Circa* 1783.]

List of rare American plants and trees to be obtained from Mr. [William] Bartram of Philadelphia; price, best means of transportation, etc. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 128.**

From **T[homas] Viny.** [*Circa* 1783.]

His admiration for Franklin. Good wishes for America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 18.**

From ——— **Wante.** [*Circa* 1783.] Paris.

Desiring letters of introduction and recommendation for himself and his friend M. Morgand; business which takes them to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 87.**

From **William Whitchurch.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Recommending the bearer, one of a select number of young Englishmen who wish to settle in America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 83.**

From **Charles Williamos.** [*Circa* 1783.] London.

List of tracts of land in America owned by him and request for directions how to proceed relative thereto. L. 1 p. **LVI(i), 78.**

From ——— ———. [1783?]

The King of France having ordered a monument to be erected over the tomb of Admiral Ternay who commanded the French naval forces which brought over Rochambeau and his troops, the writer proposes that the United States honor the nephew of the Admiral by conferring on him the Order of Cincinnatus. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 57.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Two expert silk weavers propose to go with their families to the United States and establish that industry in America. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 64.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Asks advice about going to America to start a printing and book seller's business. A. L. 4 p. (In French. Incomplete.) **LVIII, 133.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Desiring Franklin's advice as to the establishment of a commercial house in the United States. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 124.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Proposes to send thirty families of skilled workmen to the United States and to establish a foundry or iron works there. Mem. 4 p. (In French.) **LX, 89.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Two residents of Bordeaux, one a doctor the other a manufacturer, propose to go to America and establish themselves at Philadelphia. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LX, 116.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

A young Frenchman who wishes to go to America requests Franklin to give him an interview. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 117.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Advising Franklin of the arrival at the Custom-house at Paris of a case addressed to him. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 42 and 43.**

From **Marie du St. Esprit.** 1784. January [1]. Paris.

Sending Franklin their good wishes for the New Year. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 2.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1784. January 2. Vienna.

Hopes Count Choteck's commission has been forwarded to America. Their plan of making an air-balloon if they can get a sum adequate to the expense; one of their Society, a young man, will go to Paris in order to obtain a perfect knowledge of their structure and management; desires to know if these are kept secret; looks upon these balloons as one of the greatest discoveries of natural philosophy; its probable influence on war; the English jealous of this discovery. Inexcusable delay in receiving the Pennsylvania Almanac Franklin sent him a year and a half ago. German edition of his book out two years while the original is not yet published; finds this in the highest degree vexing. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 1.**

From **Bache & Shee.** 1784. January 2. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's attention to the interests of their house, and reimbursing him for the bill which he kindly prevented from being returned. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXI, 3 and 4.**

From **G. L. de Marignac.** 1784. January 2. Geneva.

Expressing the greatest pleasure at Franklin's contentment with [Benjamin Franklin] Bache; wishes for his long life and happiness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 5.**

From ——— **De Cassini fils.** 1784. January 2.

The medal which Franklin bestowed on the Vicomte de Mory, his brother-in-law, is the most precious reward he received for his services in America; begs that de Mory may be made a member of the Society of Cincinnatus. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 6.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. January 3. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 7.**

From ——— **Creuzé.** 1784. January 4. Poitiers.

Offering further suggestions on the subject of balloons. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 8.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1784. January 7. Paris.

Sending Franklin a translation of his remarks on the savages. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 9.**

From **D'Auberteuil de Fréminville.** 1784. January 7. Lyons.

Congratulating him on the glorious triumph achieved by the United States, and on his own part in that great event. Begs his acceptance of some observations he has made on phosphorus and a treatise on diplomacy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 10.**

From ——— **Blossier.** 1784. January 7.

It has been a long time since he last talked with Franklin; begs for an interview. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 11.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. January 8. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 12.**

From **Stephen Hopkins and James Manning, President.** 1784. January 9. Providence, R. I.

Sending Franklin an address which they beg him to lay before the King of France, soliciting his patronage of their College [Brown University] by the establishment there of a Professor of the French language and History together with the presentation of certain French books, etc.; encouraged to make this request by his Majesty's important literary favors to Yale College, which they understand that Corporation thought proper to decline. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 13.**

From **Lucas Despeintreaux.** 1784. January 9. Paris.

Reasons which have induced him to contemplate emigrating to America; desires necessary advice and information. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 14.**

From **E[dward] Nath[ani]el Bancroft.** 1784. January 10. London.

Enthusiastic praise of his father and Franklin. [P(ost) S(cript) in French, signed E. N. B. & P. Bancroft.] New Year's wishes from their mother; account of their father's movements in America and his intended visit to France; news of their brother and sisters; the latter recovered from small-pox with no disfigurement, owing to inoculation; messages to Mrs. [John] Jay and to Mr. and Mrs. [Le Ray de] Chaumont. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 15.**

From [**Jean Charles Julien**] **Luce de Lancival.** 1784. January 11. Paris.

Sending Franklin a poem for whose faults he begs indulgence and asking him to forward a copy of it to the immortal Washington. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 16a.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1784. January 12. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for the letter he wrote to M. Breteuil; in spite of Franklin's wish not to meddle further in his affairs, begs a line to M. Rosambo, President of the Tournelle and M. de Gars de Courcelles; also requests that M. Beaumont may be granted an interview to speak on his behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 17.**

From ——— **Defaÿ.** 1784. January 12. Orléans.

Begging Franklin to accept a copy of his work on Natural History and to forward another to the illustrious [American Philosophical] Society of Philadelphia, of which he is President; would consider it a great honor to become a member of this Society. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 18.**

From **Charles Benjamin.** 1784. January 12. Mezières.

Hopes the similarity in their names will induce Franklin to take an interest in him, and procure him a position in some Academy of Design, or at least the place of draughtsman at the *Royal Ecole de Génie,* at Mezières. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 19.**

From **Menier De Saint Yver.** 1784. January 12. Paris.

Begging Franklin to write to M. de Rosambo, and M. de Gars de Courcelles in favor of himself and [J.] Schaffer; their fate is entirely in Franklin's hands. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 20.**

From ——— **Maupin.** 1784. January 12. Paris.

Sends Franklin his book relative to a new method for planting and cultivating vineyards as well as new processes for the manipulation and fermentation of wines; desires to place his discoveries at the service of America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 21.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1784. January 14. Annapolis.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of Sept. 13th and has taken steps to procure the intelligence wanted. Delivered the memorial from David and Ann [Hellier] Barry with the papers respecting the Grenville claim, to the delegates for North Carolina. Communicated M. de Bernardo's letter to Congress who did not think proper to take any measures thereon; the ports of the United States are open to all foreigners, and men of science or abilities will be welcome, but Congress seems disinclined to give particular encouragement to any Nation or individual. The Definitive Treaty ratified that day and the ratification entrusted to Col. J[osiah] Harmar, the President's Private Secretary, whom he recommends to Franklin's particular notice and attention. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 22.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1784. January 14.

The Indian flour has arrived and will be forwarded. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 23.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1784. January 14. Carlow.

His early pleadings for the rights of America; what Ireland did for America deserves very warm returns in National connection and friendship. His fears for America caused by the talk of disbanding the army without the troops having received their arrears. Has left Dublin and is enjoying the diversion of shooting. Concerning the reforms they hope to make in their Parliament. Injury to Ireland by the changes in the British Ministry; characters of the Viceroys. Lack of able and worthy men in Dublin to put forward as candidates. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 24.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1784. January 14. Vienna.

Introducing the Comtesse de Fries, whose husband is a banker in Vienna, one of the richest and most respectable men in Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 25.**

From **[Charles Eléonor] Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. January 14. Paris.

Asks for an audience that he may present Franklin with a copy of a work entitled "Lois Pénales," which he has dedicated to the brother of the King [Comte de Provence]; desires Franklin to forward a copy to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 26.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1784. January 15. Annapolis.

Treaty of Peace ratified by Congress. Account of various inquiries he has made at Franklin's request. Measures proposed for the payment of debts contracted during the war. Praise for Col. [David Salisbury] Franks. **XXXI, 27.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 56; Bigelow, VIII, 430).

From ——— **Treuttel.** 1784. January 15. Strasbourg.

Desires to be the first to present Franklin with a copy of the American Almanac, undertaken at Berlin; sends it by M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval]; is open to any order for it which Franklin may send him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 28.**

From **Dupin D'assarts.** 1784. January 15. Paris.

Account of his miserable situation with no work and a wife and four children to support; begs Franklin for a small loan. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 29.**

From **Charles Grosett.** 1784. January 17. Brunswick.

Laying before Franklin his plan for the establishment in America of a superfine cloth, cashmere and frieze manufactory; one hundred Protestant emigrants, qualified for different parts of the business, are willing to embark with him; desires to know whether such an establishment would be welcome and what encouragement it would receive. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 30.**

From **Vicomte de Toustain-Richebourg.** 1784. January 17. Paris.

As a member and Corresponding Secretary of the *Société Patriotique-Bretonne,* is deputed to inform Franklin of the highly flattering testimonials rendered to his and Gen. Washington's qualities at their

last meeting; M. le Comte de Sérent was the orator of the occasion. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 31.**

From **J. Tahon.** 1784. January 17. Armentiéres.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his brother in Boston; his letters thus far have always failed to reach him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 32.**

From **Jn. Charrené.** 1784. January 17. London.

Delivered the letter to Mr. [John] Sargent. Begs Franklin's interest with M. [Charles Eugène Gabriel de la Croix, Marquis] de Castries to obtain the defrayal of his personal expenses during his three years' service in England; is heavily in debt. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 33.**

From ——— **de Fleury.** 1784. January 18. Paris.

Begs that the enclosed letters may be forwarded to America by the first opportunity. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 34.**

From [**Anthony George**] **Eckhardt.** 1784. January 18. Utrecht.

Concerning M. Montgolfier's discovery and the results of certain experiments made by them which they would be only too glad to communicate to the above distinguished inventor; explains his scheme, to be employed in voyages of discovery, of attaching the balloon by a cord to the vessel. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 35.**

From **Brouttin Mollien de Sombres.** 1784. January 18. Paris.

Desires to know if a memoir of Benjamin Morel of Dunkirk, which she sent him, arrived safely and what hope she may give her relative. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 36.**

From **Mme. Denis and daughter.** 1784. January 18.

Recalling themselves to his remembrance and requesting an audience with him at Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 37.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. [January?] 18. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. **XXXI, 37½.**

From **Herman Heyman.** 1784. January 19. Bremen.

Concerning establishing a glass factory in Maryland; their intention to send their friend, Mr. Amelong, to Baltimore in the spring, together with eighty families all experienced in the business; begs for letters of introduction and recommendation. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXI, 38.**

From **Sam[ue]l Chase.** 1784. January 19. London.

Pleasure at his recovery. Loss of a ship in which he [Chase] was considerably interested; question of Mr. [John] Jay's preparing and presenting a memorial on the subject; begs Franklin's influence with the Marquis de Castries and de la Fayette. Small prospect of obtaining the Bank [of England] stock. Expects to return to Maryland in February or March. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 40.**

From [**Baron**] **De Feriet.** 1784. January 21. Versailles.

Describing a house and garden at Versailles which he thinks would suit Franklin; its distance from the Chateau; suggests Franklin's grandson coming to look at it; offers also to show him a collection of sedan-chairs, from which he can select one for Franklin. Account of an harmonica sent to the Duchesse de Villeroy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 41.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1784. January 23. London.

Steps he has taken to procure the information about the value of the two ships. Thanks him for his intended kindness in respect to the Consulship. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 42.**

From ——— **de Gombert.** 1784. January 24. Paris.

Offering Franklin a valuable discovery he has made; a sure preventative against all toothache; realizes that this secret, if revealed, will do great injury to the dentists, but his object is to be useful to humanity. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 43.**

From **Sam[ue]l Bird.** 1784. January 24. Andelys.

As he has the honor of Franklin's protection for the establishment of a woolen manufactory in the United States, gives him a detailed account of his business abilities; prefers holding a salaried position under any gentleman who is willing to carry out this project. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 44.**

From ——— **Lagarde.** 1784. January 24. Paris.

Account of his medical training and experience; offers his services to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 45.**

From ——— **Longchamps.** 1784. January 26.

Concerning a manuscript presented to his son as part-payment for instructing the child of the author; owing to his financial losses, he is anxious to dispose of the ms.; high opinion of its excellence expressed by several book-sellers; offers to sell it to Franklin; thinks it might prove useful to instruct the young Anglo-American nobility. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 46.**

From [**John**] **Paul Jones.** 1784. January 26. Paris.

Transmitting Franklin a piece written in America against the Cincinnati, and a newspaper containing the institutions of that Society; when Franklin writes on this subject to M. [Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval], begs him to present his respectful compliments. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 47.**

From **Hédoin de Pous-Ludon.** 1784. January 26. Epernay.

Begging Franklin to use his influence to obtain for him the position of Agent for Wines, now at the disposal of Maréchal de Saincy; asks this favor on the strength of their being brother Masons. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 48.**

From **Mallet de la Brossière.** 1784. January 27. St. Malo.

Account of his thirteen years of service as a surgeon in the French army; has nothing to show for it except his impaired health; offers his services to America; desires to be put in charge of a military hospital there. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 49.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1784. January 28. London.

Introducing to Franklin his friend, [Robert John] Thornton, a student of medicine, who expects to study French and surgery in Paris. His purpose to make an elegant edition of Dr. [John] Fothergill's life, in which will appear anecdotes and portraits of Franklin and others of Dr. Fothergill's friends. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 50.**

From **The Ambassador of Sweden.** 1784. January 29.

Regrets being unable to accept his invitation but will call on him to exchange notifications. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIV, 68.

From ——— **Longchamps.** 1784. January 30.

Hopes that the manuscript (XXXI, 46) sent to Franklin will meet with his approbation; if he has no use for it, begs he will at least render him some assistance in his present unfortunate situation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 51.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1784. January 31. Nantes.

Concerning the sentence pronounced against him by the Court of Admiralty, relative to the insurance of the ship "Nancy"; reasons why he has ordered an appeal; is nevertheless obliged to pay the full premium at once; begs Franklin's protection in this affair. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXXI, 52.

From **D[avi]d Gallwey & Co.** 1784. January 31. Nantes.

Wrote Franklin on the 22d inst. relative to the insurance on the American ship "Nancy"; conditions of the policy; in spite of proofs in their possession, the sentence was against them; have entered an appeal but they will be obliged to pay the money if Franklin does not interfere and obtain a quick decision from the Minister. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXXI, 53.

From **Will[iam] Strahan.** 1784. February 1. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's and the Bache family's kindness to his young kinswoman. Urging him to spend the rest of his days in England. Recommending the bearer, Dr. Ross, who has served as physician to the English army in the East, but who now desires to pursue his profession in America; Franklin's recommendation would be of great service to him. The present political confusion. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 54.**
Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 65; Bigelow, VIII, 446).

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1784. February 1. Paris.

Announcing his acquittal and discharge; has now the right to pursue those who were the cause of his disgrace; desires the publication of his trial in order that his countrymen may be convinced of his innocence. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 55.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1784. February 2. London.

Recommending to Franklin's attention, Mr. Vanderhorst and his daughter who go to Paris for a short stay; on their return, begs that they may be entrusted with the money for the bill of exchange sent to Franklin. Intends, on his return to America, to establish a refinery in addition to his distillery. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 56.**

From ——— **De Beaumont.** 1784. February 2. Paris.

Announcing the acquittal and discharge of [John] Schaffer; uses every argument to persuade him that Schaffer merited his esteem; desires Franklin's help to enable his client to publish an account of his trial, as his compatriots may be interested in his triumphant vindication; for this purpose, the celebrated [John] Paul Jones has promised to subscribe; Schaffer's intention to quit France as soon as his affairs are arranged; believes his experience will teach him an important lesson. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 57.**

From ——— **De Beaumont.** 1784. February 2. Paris.

Has just left the Magistrate who has received no answer from him relative to the verification of his signature; implores him to hasten his reply. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 58.**

From **Dowager Countess de Waldner.** 1784. February 3. Champigny.

Regrets leaving Passy without seeing Franklin. Asks for a little advice concerning an island, by name Bird, which she hears the Americans desire to repeople; a young man, a relative of one of her waiting-women, desires to go there; begs Franklin to grant the young man his protection. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 59.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. February 5. The Hague.

Begs for information as to what passes between the Duke of Dorset and the Dutch Ministers on the subject of converting the preliminary agreement into a definitive treaty. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 222.**

From **Chevalier de Failly.** 1784. February 5. Rouen.

Detailed account of his services in America, the battles he fought and the honors he received; begs Franklin to procure his admission to that noble association [the Society of the Cincinnati]. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 60.**

From **Thomas Mifflin.** 1784. February 5. Annapolis.

Recommending to Franklin's notice Lieut.-Col. [Josiah] Harmar, a very deserving officer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 61.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1784. February 6.

The stove is finished according to Franklin's plan; begs him to visit the stove-maker and ascertain if there are any faults to be corrected; his brother [Louis Claude Cadet-Gassicourt] desires that Franklin will dine with him on that day; will call for him at Passy, if he will name the day and hour. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 62.**

From ——— **Longchamps.** 1784. February 6.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter which announces the miscarriage of the manuscript; will take his advice concerning its disposal; as Franklin does not wish to buy it, begs him for a small loan of five louis d'or to enable him to meet a business obligation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 63.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** [1784.] February 7. Paris.

Begs for a certificate of good character in order to secure his release from prison. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXI, 74.**

From **Comte de Barbançon.** 1784. February 8. Paris.

[William] Bartram's letter; reminds Franklin of his promise to make use of him to procure certain natural specimens, as yet unknown in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 64.**

From ——— **De Beaumont.** 1784. February 9. Paris.

Concerning a bill of sixty dollars sent to Franklin to verify the signature, hopes he will do this and deliver the bill only to [J.] Schaffer himself; this money is his sole resource; without it, he cannot publish an account of his trial and thereby reinstate himself in his countrymen's good opinion. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 65.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. February 10. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 66.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1784. February 10. Vienna.

Recommending to Franklin's acquaintance his good friend, Abbé [J.] Nekrep, President of the Oriental College at Vienna, a very good scholar and philosopher; his reasons for deciding to give up their plan of constructing a balloon. Sorry to hear that Franklin has a stone in the bladder; remedies for this disease; no cure as yet discovered; gives him some medical advice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 67.**

From ——— **de Gourdon.** 1784. February 10. Passy.

He and his wife accept with pleasure Franklin's kind invitation. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 68.**

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. February 10. Paris.

Sends him a copy of his work; if he reads and approves it, he will not refuse to receive the copy destined for Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 69.**

From ——— **Longchamps fils.** 1784. February 10.

Reasons why his father sent the manuscript to Franklin; has offered it to one of the Editors of the Journal Militaire who gave him hopes of accepting it; the publication however will be too late to help them in their present difficulties; applies for a small loan to tide them over this critical period. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 70.**

From ——— **de L'Auréole.** 1784. February 11. Lyons.

Understands that Franklin employs workmen in his printing-house in Philadelphia; offers his services; if this is impossible, desires to teach Latin and other branches; can furnish excellent references. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. His correspondent misinformed; does not employ persons in America in that business; believes it would be difficult for one who is a stranger to the language to find such employment there. **XXXI, 71.**

From [**Dr.**] **I. MacMahon.** 1784. February 11.

Hindered by a previous engagement from accepting Franklin's kind invitation. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 72.**

From **C. Cramer** *née* **de Wesselow.** 1784. February 12. Geneva.

Her satisfaction in Franklin's account of his grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache]; sure that Franklin will be content with his disposition and good sense; is not so certain about his studies; his stay with his grandfather will doubtless bring out all his latent talents. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 73.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. February 12. The Hague.

Letter from the Stadtholder to the States of Zealand, which has added fuel to the fire. Anxious for news of what is passing in Paris between the English and Dutch Ministers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 223.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1784. February 13.

Messrs. Quinquet and Lange, inventors of the lamp, are very anxious to submit it to Franklin's opinion. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 74.**

From [**Chevalier de**] **St. Olympe.** 1784. February 15. La Martinique.

Concerning the discovery by M. de Lestrades, King's physician at Martinique, of a remedy for the stone; nothing is lacking to the doctor's glory except the honor of prolonging Franklin's days; urges him to try this remedy; hopes on his return to Paris to hear that it has proved successful. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 75.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.] February 15. Paris.

Reasons why she has not written; constantly thinking of and missing him. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 17.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 169.

From **D. Perrin.** 1784. February 15. Varennes.

Reminding Franklin of the important services he rendered him during his unfortunate stay in Montreal, and the promise made him of some recompense; since then has been ruined by a law-suit and is now left without means and with a family dependent on him; begs Franklin to make up a subscription among his friends and send it to him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXXI, 76.**

From ——— **de Roncelle (?).** 1784. February 16. Paris.

Announcing the death of his father-in-law, M. Macquer; as soon as he is able, will inform Franklin of his last wishes in favor of one of his relations; reminds Franklin of their first meeting and of their conversation on the subject, which interested M. Macquer intensely. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 77.**

From **Tho[ma]s Barclay.** 1784. February 17. London.

Mr. [William] Hodgson's search for precedents relative to the capture of vessels situated like the "Nancy"; a trial to determine that point expected to come off very soon; promise of Mr. Hodgson to send particulars of the decision. Is detained on matters connected with the public accounts. Likelihood of Mr. [Robert] Morris's bills on the negotiators of the loan in Holland being paid. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 78.**

From **[Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1784?] February 18.

Acknowledging the papers on balloons. Prevented by the cold weather from waiting on Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 168.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1784. February 18. L'Orient.

Forwarded the letter by the packet from New York and charged the bill for postage to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 79.**

From **Jonathan Williams, Jr.** 1784. February 19.

Necessary to have Franklin's evidence in Court concerning a bill of Messrs. Bache & Shee; thinks a written statement would be received. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 146.**

From **Madame de Massieu.** 1784. February 21.

Sorry to have missed him when she called. Desires to know what M. de Morel may expect from Franklin's kindness. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 80.**

From ——— **De la Porte.** 1784. February 21.

Writes on behalf of La Baronne de Bissy, who has been left with six children to educate; begs Franklin's influence to place one of them in the merchant marine; the father's services in the navy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 81.**

From **Johann Caspar Weinlandt.**
1784. February 23. Römhild near Coburg, Franconia.

Concerning the establishment of a cut-glass and mirror factory in America, and, if material be here, to establish a blue-color (woad) factory. Conditions of establishment. A student of theology is willing to join the emigrants and serve as preacher. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German, accompanied by a French translation.) **LIX, 28.**

From **Abbé de Fonténai.** 1784. February 24. Paris.

At the request of a distinguished officer who served in America, writes to beg Franklin for the title and address of General Washington and of the President of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 82.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1784. February 25.

Deputed by the Royal Society of Medicine to send Franklin the enclosed tickets for the next public meeting; expects to read eulogies on William Hunter and [Antoine Nuñez Ribeiro] Sanchez; Franklin's presence would be a great encouragement. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 83.**

From **John Trumbull.** 1784. February 25. London.

Informed by Mr. Vanderhorst of Franklin's anxiety concerning the health of his friend Dr. [Samuel] Cooper of Boston; greatly grieved at having to announce his death. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 84.**

From **Comte de Murinais.** 1784. February 25. Paris.

Writes on behalf of La Princesse Sapieha who desires to know if a Polish gentleman, by name [Thaddeus] Kosciusko, is still alive; begs for a line. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 85.**

From [**Sextus Alexandre François**] **Miollis.**
1784. February 25. Aix-en-Provence.

Requesting to be made a member of the Society of Cincinnatus; this would be the most acceptable compensation they could offer him for the wound he received at the siege of Yorktown. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 86.**

From ——— **Legouvé.** 1784. February 25.

Encouraged to invite him to a ball at his mother's house. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 87.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1784. February 26. Gravesend.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 13th and his kind attention to Mr. Vanderhorst and his daughter; especially grateful for the assistance rendered his son relative to the art of refining sugar; desires to know if his son could be introduced as a workman at Bercy where he could hear more of the "new principles." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 88.**

From **Ginet & Meirieu.** 1784. February 26. Paris.

Enclosing a bill of exchange for Franklin's acceptance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 89.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. February 26. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 90.**

From **John Rousseau.** 1784. February 27. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's precious present; greatly pleased with the valuable contents of the book; thinks it proves not only the wisdom of the American legislators but the manliness of the whole country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 91.**

From **Hilliard d'Auberteuil.** 1784. February 27. Paris.

Recalls himself to Franklin's memory by sending him a memoir on an important matter. The printer, de Monville, will give him the copies which he decided to send to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 92.**

From ——— **Mazue.** 1784. February 27. Marseilles.

Desires to lay before him a plan for the cultivation of the vine in America; question of the proper land and climate. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 93a.**

From **Comte Biberstein Trembinski.**

1784. February 28. Havre in Normandy.

Through the kindness of the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, received Franklin's letter of introduction to Congress; his ardent desire to see America; fears that the state of his health may prevent his making the voyage; prophesies a great future for the new republic. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 94.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1784. February 28.

The enclosed copy of the proceedings in his trial will prove to Franklin his innocence and the cruel treatment he has undergone; desires him to communicate it to all his countrymen and obtain their assistance, in order that he may return to his own country decently; expects to leave for Philadelphia in a few days. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 95.**

From ——— **Deviller.** 1784. February 28. Paris.

Desiring some information concerning a person named Campo, who says he served Franklin as valet de chambre. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 96.**

From **Duhamel Deschenaix.** 1784. February 28. St. Malo.

Account of the events which brought about his ruin. His desire to settle in America; begs for Franklin's advice that he may find the surest route and the means to work honestly. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 97.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Bachelier.** 1784. March 1. Paris.

Franklin is invited by the Lieutenant-General of Police and from the Bureau of Administration of the *Ecole Royale,* to be present at the distribution of prizes to take place at the Tuileries. Printed N. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 98.**

From **James Hutton.** 1784. March 2. Pimlico.

Recommending his friend George Livius to Franklin's kind attention. Mentions having seen Dolly Blunt, the painter, Mr. [Benjamin] West, and his wife and [John] Trumbull who has finished an excellent portrait of Franklin's acquaintance, Mr. [John?] Temple. At Mr. West's, saw a most exquisitely fine marble bust of Franklin which seems to say "Ye are very welcome to claim all ye please. I do not care." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 99.**

From **The Royal Society of Medicine.** 1784. March 2. Paris.

Invitation to a public meeting. Printed N. 1 p.

LXXIII, 67 and 68.

From **J[ames] Leveux.** 1784. March 2. Calais.

Has forwarded Franklin the knives, forks and two locks belonging to Mr. [John] Jay. For some time aided American prisoners who escaped from England, but for the last six months has refused to continue it, fearing the applicants were English; sends a statement of the money he has expended. Begs for the position of American Consul. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Thanks for his care, etc., would be glad to have his account in order to discharge it. Approve of his not giving more money to pretended Americans. **XXXI, 100.**

From **[Charles Eléonor] Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. March 3. Paris.

Refers to Franklin's kind acceptance of his book. Has written a memoir, as yet unpublished, on the manner of executing these penal laws; begs him to propose to Congress a duplicate of this manuscript together with his plan for constructing houses of correction. Reflections on M. Blanchard's experiment with a balloon. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

XXXI, 101.

From **Comte de Vergennes.** 1784. March 4. Versailles.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 26th ult., in favor of his nephew Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.]; conditions which must be complied with, before he can place Mr. Williams's request before the King. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 102.**

From **——— de Wolff.** 1784. March 4. Stuttgart.

Desires to become a citizen of the United States; his reasons for quitting his important position in the Military Academy founded by the Duc de Wurtemburg; advantageous offers made him by the King of Prussia; his determination fixed however to give his services to America; his plan to go over first and reconnoitre, and then return for a number of his countrymen who are skilled in agriculture; asks merely that the expense of his passage be defrayed and a pension assured to his family, in case he should die during the voyage. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 103.**

From ——— ———. 1784. March 4. Paris.

Sent a note and petition some months ago concerning M. Mont who seeks to be appointed Consul for the United States at Dunkerque. Has requested Mme. Cadet de Vaux to get his reply. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLV, 178b.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1784?] March 4. Paris.

Acknowledging his letter to the Editors of the Journal of Paris; wishes he had added his "advice to those seeking to go to America." Prevented from going to the country by M. Brillon's gout; desires Franklin, though a heretic, to pray for him. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 18.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., XL, 105; also in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 170.

From **Paul Strattman.** 1784. March 5. Paris.

Sends the catalogue of le Duc de la Vallière's library; places his services at Franklin's disposal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 104.**

From **Lorenzo Manini.** 1784. March 8. Cremona.

High esteem in which Franklin is held in Italy and especially in Lombardy; takes the liberty of sending him two volumes of the celebrated President [Comte de] Carli[-Rubbi]'s famous work, entitled *Lettere Americane.* A. L. S. 2 p. (In Italian.) **XXXI, 105.**

From **Sam[uel] Vaughan.** 1784. March 8. Philadelphia.

Congratulates Franklin on his part in the glorious revolution; urges him to turn his attention once more to philosophical pursuits. Expatiates on the plan for uniting the Philadelphia and Loganian Libraries; begs Franklin to send Mr. [James] Logan his opinion on this subject. Account of the application made to the Legislature by the [American] Philosophical Society for a grant of land on the S. E. and S. W. corners of the State-house yard for the erection of two buildings, one for the Library and one for the Society; in case this petition fails, the Society has purchased a large lot of Mr. Hopkinson near the Observatory. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 106.**

From **La Sablière de La Condamine.**
1784. March 8. Saint Roman de Beauvoir.

Sends Franklin an epigram of his and some reflections on balloons [3 p.] as a pretext for writing to him. Desires his sentiments on the cures of Comus [Nicolas Philippe Ledru] and Mesmer; if genuine he would come to Paris to be initiated into their mysteries, with a view of aiding the poor inhabitants of the country to whom his services have been dedicated for fifteen years. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 107a.**

From ——— **Truffé.** 1784. March 9. Troyes.

Writes on behalf of Mme. Rebecca Allere, a countryman of Franklin's, aged about twenty, who is in the sorest straits. Her husband sailed for America in May 1783, leaving her and their infant child in a convent, and promising to send her remittances on his arrival; no word has come from him, and his wife has been driven through despair to contemplate suicide; moved by her story, he has rendered her some slight assistance; obliged to leave Paris, so begs Franklin to befriend her; her unblemished character. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 108.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1784. March 10. Paris.

Account of M. de Breget's cure which can be ascribed only to magnetism; difficult to believe that which one does not understand; Versailles resounds with the miracle; desires Franklin's opinion; received her account of the cure from a young man who believes as little in magnetism as she does. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 109.**

From ——— **Carrel.** 1784. March 10. Paris.

Enclosing a copy of a memoir (1 p.) sent Franklin on Sept. 17th, 1783; this concerns M. Jean Larrouy's request for the position of Vice-Consul at the port of Andaye; begs Franklin's influence with Congress on his behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Will communicate his memoir to the Consul-General, Mr. [Thomas] Barclay, who alone has the power of making the desired appointment. **XXXI, 110.**

From [**Mme.**] **Baudoüin Barre.** 1784. March 11. Nantes.

Borrowed money to help her son, who has ruined her by his dissipation and extravagance; afraid to tell her husband of her imprudent behavior; begs Franklin to send her twelve thousand livres. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 111.**

From ——— **Milee l'ainé.** 1784. March 12. Neuville.

Writes on behalf of a young man who desires to go to America; has heard that land is often given away to would-be settlers. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 112a.**

From **Anne Ogle.** 1784. March 13.

Introducing her grandson Mr. Samuel Ridout who purposes spending a few weeks in Paris before leaving Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. A. E. by Dr. Franklin. "W[illiam] T[emple] F[ranklin] to visit him and invite him to dinner, etc." **XXXI, 113.**

From **Nicola Victor Muhlberger.** 1784. March 13. Lisbon.

Speaks gratefully of the recommendation Franklin gave him to Mr. Robert Morris, a year before; his first commercial attempt not very successful; his last enterprise fitted out at New York and bound for the Azores, wrecked by a fierce tempest; now at Lisbon for repairs; while in New York, discovered in his lodgings a packet, probably left by the English, which he now forwards to him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 114.**

From **Conrad Walter & Co.** 1784. March 15. Hildesheim.

Their trade in woolens, linens, etc.; desires to enter into business relation with American merchants; begs him to recommend reliable firms in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 115.**

From **Abbé Morellet.** 1784. [March] 16. Paris.

Returning Franklin's original paper, with his translation; advises him not to show the paper indiscriminately, for fear it might anger some persons Franklin does not wish to offend. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 89a.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1784. March 17. L'Orient.

Expense of franking the letters to America; afraid to send them by passengers. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 116.**

From **William Hodgson.** 1784. March 17. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 11th inst. Price of church bells; their exportation forbidden. Sorry he is unable to give him the desired information respecting the ships sent into Bergen. Appreciates Franklin's congratulations on his success against the Secretaries of State. Thinks England has gone stark mad; they adore the King and despise Parliament, especially the Commons; the Dissenters join in the cry; Dr. [Richard] Price as bad as the rest. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 117.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. March 19. The Hague.

Sends his letters to Franklin instead of forwarding them directly to l'Orient, in order that he may have a faithful account of Dutch affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 224.**

From **Thomas Mifflin** *to* **Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.** 1784. March 20. Annapolis.

Transmits an Act of Congress of March 16. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 69.**

From **Stephen Case.** 1784. March 22.

Certifying that the following letter is from his daughter, Jane Franklin Case. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 119a.**

From **Jane Franklin Case.** 1784. March 22. Newburg, N. Y.

Although only eight years old and unknown to Franklin, she desires to pay her respects to one for whom she was partly named; sends the enclosed piece written by so near a connection that she would wish to conceal his name. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 119b.**

From **[John] Paul Jones.** 1784. March 23. Paris.

Kindness of the Marquis de la Fayette in translating and enforcing his two last letters to the Maréchal de Castries, on the subject of the prize-money due the officers who served in his squadron; the Maréchal's belief that Franklin agreed to the settlement proposed by M. Le Ray

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de Chaumont; begs him to contradict this opinion, which is the greatest obstacle to a final settlement of the business. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXI, 120.

From **Baron de Bérenger de Beaufain.** 1784. March 23. Erlangen.

Account of certain lands situated on the Savannah river left him by his uncle; begs Franklin to intercede with Congress to obtain his rights to these lands as well as to a plantation owned by one Patrick Mackay, a debtor to his uncle's estate. Sends him a copy of the inscription on the monument erected by the people of Carolina to the memory of his uncle, Hector Bérenger de Beaufain. Account of his family and his present straitened circumstances owing to his never having received his uncle's legacy. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 121.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1784. March 24. Pisa.

Introducing the bearer, Mr. Partridge, one of the principal merchants of Leghorn. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 122.**

From **Moufle de Gossec.** 1784. March 24. Paris.

His fortune invested in the island of Guadeloupe; expects to transport a part or a whole to the United States; before making a choice of his permanent home there, intends to travel through all the provinces; begs for letters of recommendation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)
XXXI, 123.

From **Jno. Witherspoon.** 1784. March 27. London.

Contrary to his judgment and inclination, the Trustees of the College of New Jersey have commissioned General [Joseph] Reed and himself to solicit benefactions for the College in England and France; little or no prospect of success in England; in case he goes to Paris desires Franklin's advice whether it would be at all proper to make such applications there. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 124.**

From ——— **de Gourdon.** 1784. March 27.

Returning with thanks the ten volumes lent him by Franklin; if he has any supplement to this history, very much desires to borrow it. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 125.**

From ——— **De Beaumont.** 1784. March 28.

Offer of the Marquis de la Fayette to take [John] Schaffer back with him to America; intimacy which existed in Virginia between the Marquis and M. Schaffer's brother-in-law; begs Franklin to say nothing about M. Schaffer which might diminish the enthusiasm of the Marquis; desires this affair to be brought to a happy termination. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 126.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1784. March 29.

Franklin's commission for Indian flour has been executed. Success of the stove. Sends him a copy of the two enclosed memoirs, one for the Abbé de [la] Roche and the other for M. [Louis Guillaume] le Veillard. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 127.**

From ——— **Piorrard.** 1784. March 29. Fénétrange.

Desiring information as to the existence of a family called Pierson who emigrated to Pennsylvania about 1754; it will be to the interest of these persons or their heirs to make themselves known. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 128.**

From [**John Mauritius**] **Count de Bruhl.** 1784. March 29. London.

Asking for a letter of recommendation in favor of Mr. Biederman, Doctor of Laws in the University of Leipzig, who left for America the previous year as agent and manager for many of their principal manufacturers and merchants; advantages to both countries of Franklin's countenancing Dr. Biederman. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 129.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1784. March 30. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 130.**

From **J[am]es Leveux.** 1784. March 30. Calais.

Expenses incurred on behalf of American prisoners; begs Franklin not to forget him when Congress appoints Consuls in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 131.**

From ——— **de Joly.** 1784. March 31. Toulouse.

Desiring to know if all the Captains of the King's ships, who served in America, will receive the Order of Cincinnatus; his son-in-law, M. Joly de Cabanoux, fought on the same vessel with the Comte d'Estaing; hopes he will receive the coveted decoration. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 132.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1784. April 3. Pisa.

Sending Franklin a pair of hair-lined gloves by the kindness of a very worthy gentleman, Mr. Mallack, who goes to England with Mr. Partridge; Franklin will find him well-informed on subjects relative to the East Indies. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 133.**

From **de Rubigny de Berteval.** 1784. April 3. Paris.

Thanking Franklin for the very satisfactory answer to his letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 134.**

From **Mme. de Cheminot.** 1784. April 4. Paris.

The following day will take advantage of Franklin's kind permission to breakfast with him; will bring with her M. Le Roy and two other gentlemen who are deeply impressed with such a mark of Franklin's goodness. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 135.**

From **Jonat[han] Trumbull.** 1784. April 5. Lebanon, Conn.

Introducing Messrs. Gerrey and Buckingham; begs his assistance to enable these young men to recover some money due them on French bills of exchange which they accidentally lost. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 136.**

From ——— **de Valnais.** 1784. April 5.

Announcing the birth of a son. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 137.**

From ——— **Masson, Jr., and** ——— **Geofroy.** 1784. April 5. Carpentras.

Their desire to establish a paper-mill in America; beg Franklin's influence with Congress to procure them the necessary aid in carrying out this project, and the usual assistance for transporting themselves and their family. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 138.**

From **Et[ien]ne Drouilhet and Co.** 1784. April 5. Madrid.

Concerning a letter of exchange consigned to them for payment by Mr. William Carmichael. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 139.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1784. April 6. Newington-Green.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter with the enclosures to the Royal Society, concerning air-balloons. Possibility of Franklin's visiting London. Honors conferred on Dr. [Joseph] Priestley. State of Franklin's health, his own and his wife's. Political affairs in England. His design to write concerning the United States. Account of the domestic troubles of Mr. [John] Paradise. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 140.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 77; Bigelow, VIII, 465).

From **Leonhard Magnus Broell.** 1784. April 6. Paris.

Was in the service of Mr. [Alexander] Gillon, commander of the frigate "South Carolina." Mentions Phul, Thiriot, Radel & Desessement, merchants in Philadelphia. Wishes to be sent to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In German.) **LIX, 56.**

From ——— **de Laubarède.** 1784. April 6. Paris.

Is an aged French gentleman, who has resided in London thirty-eight years; great misfortunes in his life; loss of his money; partially paralyzed for six years; often dangerously ill; begs Franklin to send him assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 141.**

From ——— **Terrot.** 1784. April 7. Bouvante.

About a man called Bleton who has a remarkable talent for ascertaining the existence of water under-ground. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 142.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** 1784. April 8. Paris.

As the Marquis de la Fayette is willing to supply him with every necessary to return home, begs Franklin to forward him a passport for l'Orient; promises upon his arrival in America to return Franklin's small loan with interest. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 143.**

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. April 9. Paris.

Explaining certain points in the manuscript he sent Franklin; begs him to make any corrections he may think fit and forward it to Congress along with his book. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 144.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1784. April 9. Dublin.

The enclosed paper best describes the state of Irish affairs; the insulting behavior of the military who surrounded the House of Commons. Heavy taxes imposed on the people; English manufacturers encouraged at the expense of Irish manufacturers. Account of the severe illness of two of his children. Departure of a number of Irish smiths and carpenters to America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 145.**

From **Uriah Forrest.** 1784. April 10. London.

Sending an enclosure, and offering his services in case he can be useful in any way. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 146.**

From ——— **de Valnais.** 1784. April 11. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind attentions to Mrs. de Valnais. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 147.**

By ——— ———. 1784. April 11.

Memoir on flying machines and balloons, addressed to Franklin. Describes different devices by which aeronauts can protect themselves from accidents and bodily injuries, should their balloon fall into the sea or on dangerous places on land. Devices for propelling and steering air-balloons. How the car should be attached; the steering apparatus of the balloon at St. Cloud. How to protect from the harmful effects of sudden changes of temperature; aerial flights made by M. Blanchard in his balloon. Diss. 52 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 1 and 2.**

From [**La Sablière de**] **La Condamine.** 1784. April 12.

Franklin's remarks on the subject of Comus [Nicolas Philippe Ledru] and Mesmer have given him matter for thought; forgot to mention the pretended miracles of [James] Graham at London; believes it to be a case of charlatanism. His proposed visit to Paris. Sends Franklin

a rhapsody, the fruit of his idleness; begs him, if he sees fit, to insert it in the "Journal Encyclopédique." Sends him a letter containing all the information he has been able to discover about Blet(t)on and his alleged extraordinary power. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXXI, 148.

From **de Mauviel de Bouillon.** 1784. April 14. Fécamp.

Left a widower with two children; not without some means; his desire to go to America, rent or buy land there which he proposes to cultivate; letters of introduction he can procure to the Chevalier de la Luzerne; none so important as the letter he now begs from Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 149.**

From **B[enjamin] Webb.** 1784. April 15. Geneva.

Account of his bankruptcy and his relinquishment of everything to his creditors; accused by his enemies of secreting property to a large amount; driven by despair to take the fatal step of flight to a foreign shore; his return to England blocked by the malevolence of one man; in the meantime is dependent on friends for his support; sends copy of a memorial [3 p.] to Franklin, setting forth his miserable situation and requesting contributions from those who knew him in his days of prosperity. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 150.**

From **F[rancis] Coffyn.** 1784. April 16. Dunkirk.

Encloses a letter from M. Bodin at Lille concerning the price of bells. [1 p. In French.] A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 151.**

From **[Mme.] Baudoüin Barre.** 1784. April 17. Nantes.

Repeats her previous account of the cruel situation in which she is placed; offers Franklin this opportunity to do a good deed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 152.**

From **Edw[ar]d Nath[aniel] Bancroft.** 1784. April 17. Chiswick.

Last report from his dear Papa speaks of his being about to sail for South Carolina. Death of his smallest sister Sophie from small-pox; all the others were inoculated and look as well as ever. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXI, 153.

From [**Abbê**] **Nolin.** 1784. April 18. Paris.

Concerning the translation made and printed by Franklin of [William] Bartram's Catalogue of Trees and Shrubs; begs the loan of the original English copy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 154.**

From **L[oui]s de Boislandry.** 1784. April 18. Paris.

Waited on Franklin the previous year with a letter from M. Veillard of Passy, relative to certain proposed commercial dealings with America; intention of the Company to establish one of their number in a suitable American port; before everything, they desire Franklin's opinion and advice; begs for an early interview. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 155.**

From **The Ambassador of Malta.** [*Circa* 1784.] April 18. Paris.

Is obliged to be absent from Paris for a month. Cannot receive the Assembly next Sunday. The Ambassador of Venice will take his place. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 124.**

From **Vicomte de Rochambeau.** 1784. April 19. Paris.

The previous year sent him the first volume of the "Traité sur la Loi"; has just received from the author the second volume with a request to forward it to Passy; enchanted at the opportunity to declare his inviolable attachment to Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 156.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1784. April 19. Annapolis.

Enclosing a letter [1 p.] from an old neighbor, Reuben Haines, containing all the information obtainable about Adam Marggrander. Recommends to Franklin's friendly advice and protection Mr. Isaac Norris, a young and inexperienced gentleman but capable of becoming a useful member of society; believes him to be at Liège; begs Franklin to send him a letter there, introducing him to proper company. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 157.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1784. April 20. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from [Etienne] Drouilhet [and Co.], concerning a bill which they have drawn on Franklin for twenty-seven hundred dollars. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 158.**

From **David Barclay.** 1784. April 21. London.

Introducing his two nephews, Daniel Bell and David Barclay; glad of this opportunity to gain some information of Franklin's welfare. Effect on people's health of the long winter and late spring. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 159.**

From **J[acob] Duché, [Jr.].** 1784. April 21. Asylum, Lambeth.

Concerning the case of the eldest daughter of Mr. George Meade of Philadelphia, who has been unsuccessfully treated by the best physicians at home and in England for a complaint of the epileptic kind; her father's desire that she should be put under the direction of a M. Ledru (known in England as Comus) who has published an account of extraordinary cures by means of electricity; desires Franklin's advice concerning this new Parisian experiment, before the young lady undertakes the journey. Expects his father to join him in England. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 160.**

From **Sam[ue]l Cooper Johonnot.** 1784. April 21. Boston.

Account of his disagreeable voyage and his arrival in Boston, too late however to see his grandfather; acknowledging his faults in the past and his hopes for the future; left enough money by his grandfather to complete his education and enter the bar. Messages to Ben[jamin Franklin Bache]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 161.**

From **[Antoine Alexis François] Cadet de Vaux.** 1784. April 23.

Forwarding the proof of the letter kindly sent him by Franklin; begs him to send it to the *Journal de Paris* before 9 o'clock Sunday, so that it may appear in Monday's edition. The Indian flour has arrived. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 162.**

From **Dalzan de la Pierre.** 1784. April 25. Florac.

His reasons for desiring to live in America; the attraction for him of political, civil and religious liberty; desires to know what he may expect and what resources he may find there, refers Franklin to the Comte de Nozières for any information about himself; wishes his opinion about the desirability of settling in South Carolina, on the Pedee river. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXI, 163.**

From ——— **Fisher.** [1784.] April 25. Paris.

About to set out for London; offers to carry letters or messages to any of Franklin's friends. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 150.**

From [**Pierre**] **Poissonnier.** 1784. April 26. Paris.

Writes on behalf of Messrs. Le Roy, Bailly and Lavoisier to ask if Franklin will receive them for dinner on Wednesday, together with the four Commissioners of the Royal Academy of Sciences; the object of the meeting is to discuss the plan to be followed in the inquiry into M. [Charles] Deslon's methods. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 164.**

From **Pierre Louis Stouppe.** 1784. April 30. Ach.

Wishes a position in America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In German.) **LIX, 49.**

From **J[ohn] Schaffer.** [1784. April ?] Paris.

Acknowledging his kindness and protection; leaves Paris the next day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 207.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1784.] May 3. Passy.

Wishes to have a private conversation with Franklin about some of her personal affairs. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 23.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, p. 171.

From **James Barrett.** 1784. May 4. Bordeaux.

Has obtained a passage to America from one of the owners of a ship belonging to Ireland; informed by the Captain that on arrival he has to give security to the Chief Magistrate that all the passengers on board have an independence; appeals to Franklin for the truth of this. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 165.**

From **Lefebvre d'Abancourt.** 1784. May 5. Paris.

Begging Franklin to hasten the return of three bills sent to his banker in March. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 166.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** 1784. May 6. [Paris?]

Difficulties in the way of Franklin's having all the Commissioners for dinner on Saturday; their desire to wait upon him Saturday afternoon, at which time a date might be arranged for the dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 167.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** [1784.] May 6. [Paris?]

Naming a day when the Commissioners appointed to inquire into "Animal Magnetism," may see and confer with Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 117.**

From ——— **de Simon.** 1784. May 6. Paris.

Sends him a box and a packet which arrived in a case received from Mr. Benjamin Vaughan. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 168.**

From **The Continental Congress** *to* **The Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United States.** 1784. May 7, May 11, June 3.

Instructions for negotiating treaties of amity and commerce. D. S. 13 p. (Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 8.**

Printed in the Secret Journals of Congress, III, 484–489, 493–497, 510–511.

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1784.] May 8. Passy.

Telling of the trouble and sorrow caused by the actions of Mlle. J. whom she had befriended and taken into her home and who supplanted her in her husband's affection by intrigue and deceit. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 24.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 171.

From [**Dr.**] **Tho[mas] Percival.** 1784. May 11. Manchester.

Requesting Franklin's acceptance of his book "Moral and Literary Dissertations," just published. Changes in England since Franklin left; death of Sir John Pringle; establishment of a very useful Literary and Philosophical Society in Manchester. Letter received from Mr. Vaughan, containing some curious observations on cold made by Professor Patrick Wilson at Glasgow. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 169.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1784. May 11. London.

Delivered to Col. [Josiah] Harmar three rolls and one parcel; reasons for his delay in sending them; question of other commissions. Recommends "The Origin and Progress of Writing" by Mr. [Thomas] Astle. Expressing keen appreciation of Franklin's interest in his affairs in North Carolina. Messages from "his poor Patty." A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 170.**

From **Edward Bridgen.** 1784. May 11. London.

Recommending the bearer to Franklin's kindness. Desires to know the prospect of proceeding on the copper coinage. Asks Franklin's interest and attention to Mr. Parker's request. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 171.**

From **Stephen Hopkins.** 1784. May 11. Providence.

Introducing Mr. Solomon Drown, who goes to France in order to perfect his knowledge in the healing art and in the French language. L. S. 1 p. **XXXI, 172.**

From **[Baron] De Feriet.** 1784. May 11. Versailles.

The directors of the manufactory of St. Cloud have agreed to make all the glasses for the Harmonica; begs Franklin to step in during the day to contribute to the perfecting of the work and to judge of the methods proposed. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 173.**

From **[Joseph Matthias Gérard] de Rayneval.** 1784. May 15. Versailles.

Introducing M. Chateaufort who is about to leave for America in the capacity of French Consul-General at Charleston. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 174.**

From **Baronne De Drummond.** 1784. May 15. Paris.

Begging for some assistance with which to meet the demands of her lawyer; has no other fortune than a great name; trusts him to burn her letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 175.**

From **——— de Laubarède.** 1784. May 15. Paris.

Begs for a few louis to relieve his terrible suffering; refers Franklin to the Dutch Ambassador, M. Armand, for proof of his unhappy state. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 176.**

From **John Marsden Pintard.** 1784. May 16. Madeira.

Enclosing an introductory letter from his uncle, Elias Boudinot, since which has received the appointment of Commercial Agent to the Island of Madeira and Porto Santo; if he can be useful in this capacity, begs Franklin to command him. Death of Mr. John Searle, Sr., will make no difference in the firm of that name; begs Franklin to recommend that house to any French company doing trade with the East. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXI, 177.**

From ——— **Chevalier.** 1784. May 16. Paris.

Concerning some work ordered from him in 1777 by M. Feutry, an engineer, who promised him prompt payment in Franklin's name; encloses his bill and begs for a settlement. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 178.**

From ——— **Saimier.** 1784. May 16. Paris.

Enclosing a letter in English [2 p.] from John Gardner, Captain of the ship "Amity," and one in French [2 p.] from M. Pierre Texier, merchant at Bordeaux; both documents concern the question of an unjust fine levied on part of the cargo of the ship "Amity"; informs Franklin that the affair has been practically arranged, with the exception of a nominal fine to be paid by Capt. Gardner. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 179.**

From **Gaspard de Bébiniere.** 1784. May 18. Paris.

Begs Franklin to be present in the garden of the Tuileries at five o'clock, to witness an exhibition he will give of a new kind of pump, an invention of his own, which produces a quart of water in twenty-five seconds. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXX, 179½.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1784. May 19. Paris.

Begging Franklin to permit M. Baradelle to examine and make drawings of his small printing press, with an eye to simplifying the great number of French presses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 180.**

From **A. T. Renaux.** 1784. May 19. Paris.

Desires to become an American subject; has two great draw-backs; his ignorance of English and his lack of a fixed income; desires to know in what capacity he may best render himself useful. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 181.**

From **Baronne De Drummond.** 1784. May 20. Paris.

Begs Franklin to befriend her as a woman of rank and as one of his unfortunate compatriots. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 182.**

From **Matthew Young.** 1784. May 23. Trinity College, Dublin.

Has sent Franklin his treatise, lately published, on Sir Isaac Newton's theory of the pulses of air. At one time he entertained, with several others, the plan of establishing a college in America, which was abandoned upon the outbreak of the war; still desires to be useful to America in some capacity; is a fellow of the University of Dublin with a salary of £600 a year; begs for Franklin's advice and urges the need of secrecy. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 183.**

From **Jerome Regnier.** 1784. May 23. Tourcelles near Vouziers.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed letter to his son, Pierre Regnier, Colonel's equerry in the American army and also the first Frenchman who took arms for the defense of those "islanders." A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 184.**

From **Fra[nci]s Hopkinson.** 1784. May 24. Philadelphia.

The new French Encyclopédie. Attempt he has made to raise the [American] Philosophical Society from a state of lethargy; aided in this by [David] Rittenhouse and Mr. Vaughan. Reforms needed in the education of youth. Encloses a little publication of his in reference to the cleaning of the streets. Experiments with balloons. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 185.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 90).

From **Marie Therèse de Lamothe Cadillac.** 1784. May 24. London.

Concerning a large estate in America granted to her grandfather by Louis XIV; on being recalled to France he was forced to abandon these estates; her father died without seeing America; her own marriage to the noble Barthélemy de Gregoire and her present residence in London where she hoped to be put in possession of these estates; has just ascertained that by the latest treaty, her lands are included in the domains of Boston; their wish to avoid the expense of a trip to America; begs Franklin to put her in a position to obtain her rights. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 186.**

From ——— **Roulhac.** 1784. May 25. Limoges.

Begs for information concerning two of his brothers; one, who left France in 1777 and was last heard from in May 1781 as married and settled near Bath; and the other, a younger one, who went out to join him in 1782, and whose last letter reached them from Baltimore before his meeting with his brother; fears they may have been led into some wrong-doing. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 187.**

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. May 26. Essay.

Desiring to know if his manuscript was forwarded to Congress at the same time with his book; if only the latter was sent, will feel certain that the paper ought never to have seen the day. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 188.**

From ——— **Bassi.** 1784. May 26. Paris.

Describes himself as a pupil of Père Beccaria, and as an unfortunate man of letters whose present illness has prevented his accomplishing an important literary work; begs assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 189.**

From **Dr. Hunter.** 1784. May 27. Paris.

Packet sent to Mr. [John] Jay at Paris by Dr. [John] Witherspoon, who was ignorant of Mr. Jay's departure for America; desires that the packet may be opened by the gentleman who transacts Mr. Jay's business and the information contained therein acted upon. Returns to England the following Monday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXI, 190.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1784. May 28. Passy.

Agreement in adjustment of accounts. A. D. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **LIV, 125 (13 and 14).**

From **W[illia]m Alexander.** 1784. May 30. Richmond, Va.

Concerning his journey to Philadelphia, his high opinion of that city and the marks of kindness he received from Franklin's family. Account of his business; his decision to settle at Richmond for the present; prospect of Norfolk becoming a great mart; his meeting with the noteworthy men of Virginia. Franklin's old colleague, Arthur Lee, has been sent to treat with the Indians. Hopes his boy gives satisfaction to Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXI, 191.**

From ——— **Frisi.** 1784. May 30. Milan.

Has followed in the newspapers the great events so closely connected with Franklin. Takes this opportunity to introduce le Chevalier Castiglio, a member of one of the most distinguished Milanese families, who proposes making a tour in America, in order to study that brave nation more closely and also to continue his researches in Natural History. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 192.**

From **C[om]tesse d'Houdetot.** 1784. May 31. Sannois.

Begging for news of Franklin; describes in detail the easiest way for him to make the journey to Sannois, where she awaits his visit with the greatest pleasure; will be delighted also to receive his two grandsons. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXI, 193.**

From **Marie Thérèse de la Mothe Cadillac.** [1784. May ?]

Petitions Franklin to help her secure possession of lands granted to her grandfather in the territory of Massachusetts. L. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 119.**

From **John Walter.** 1784. May. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind letter and the present accompanying it. Concerning his new method of printing as contained in the pamphlet sent Franklin; will open his new printing-house on the first day of June; a minute description of the arrangement on which the facility of the work depends; would be glad to have his improvement laid before the Court of France and would willingly send the King a complete printing fount, trusting only to that monarch's liberality. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXI, 194.**

From ——— **Huguet.** 1784. June 1. Paris.

Is informed that Franklin sends persons to Russia to cultivate land there; begs Franklin to grant him a tract of land to clear and cultivate. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 1.**

From **Tho[ma]s Thompson.** 1784. June 2. Dover.

Informing him of the departure of Mr. [John] Jay and family on the ship "Edward"; their inability to carry with them the picture of the Marquis de la Fayette, intended for General Washington; asks instructions as to its further disposition. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXII, 2.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1784. June 3.

Announcing his intended departure for l'Orient on the 22d inst.; puts himself at Franklin's service. News received lately from America; great debates occasioned by the Cincinnati affair; intention of Congress to adjourn; the "Washington" packet offered for sale. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 3.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1784. June 4.

Tells Franklin of unhappiness in her home life, attributes it in great part to disparity of age, her husband being twenty-four years older than she. Laments the fact that young girls in France are often married to men much older than themselves because both parties happen to have about the same amount of worldly goods. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 25.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 172.

From **James Hill.** 1784. June 4. London.

A maker and vendor of hair lockets, etc.; desires the Comte d'Artois to accept, for his princess, a handkerchief locket, containing an allegorical representation of the late conflict; begs Franklin to transmit the trinket to the Prince, who cannot refuse anything presented by so distinguished a character. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 4.**

From **Henry Laurens.** 1784. June 4. London.

Introducing a son of John Parker, Esq., of South Carolina, who is studying law; expects to spend his next vacation in Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 5.**

From **Ja**[**mes**] **Fanning.** 1784. June 5. Angers.

Enclosing a memorial [2 p.] setting forth his claim to certain lands in Florida, and desires to send a letter of attorney to have possession taken of them; begs Franklin to certify to his being a French subject. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 6.**

From **Melin Dutartre.** 1784. June 6. L'Arbatetre.

Sends a request from the Principal of an Irish College. Impossibility of her visiting "her dear Papa"; asks if it is equally impracticable for Franklin to visit her; begs for a good English letter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 7.**

From **C. Drogart & Co.** 1784. June 7. Paris.

Asking him to certify to certain signatures on a power of attorney which must be transmitted to Boston immediately. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 8.**

From **Forster's Brothers.** 1784. June 8. Bordeaux.

Sending the enclosed letter received from "R. F." by ship from Dublin and requesting an answer through their hands. Their offer to serve Franklin with wines; their hope in the future to open an extensive connection with their friends, Messrs. Bache and Shee. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 9.**

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. June 8. Essay.

Monsieur, the King's brother, is anxious to hear of the success of the writer's book in America; he is still in ignorance of whether it has ever been forwarded to Congress. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 10.**

From ——— **Rosehill (?).** 1784. June 9. Rouen.

Received Franklin's obliging information concerning his son; desires the names of any Virginia gentlemen of note at present in Paris; has a very considerable interest in New Jersey; hopes to wait on Franklin in July. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 11.**

From ——— **De Lacroix.** 1784. June 9. Marly-le-Roi.

Reduced by shipwreck to a state of misery; is the inventor of a plan for the welfare of humanity, which he is unable to carry out from lack of means; begs Franklin to assist him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 12.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1784. June 10. London.

Forwards the accompanying book at the request of Mr. [Richard] Champion. Departure for New York of their mutual friends Mr. [Henry] Laurens and his son. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 13.**

From ——— **de Laubarède.** 1784. June 12. Paris.

Repeating his request for a few louis d'or. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 14.**

From **Geo[rge] Clinton and Ja[me]s Duane.** 1784. June 12. New York.

Introducing Lieut.-Col. [Matthew] Clarkson, whose business in Europe is to solicit donations for the University of the State of New York; have instructed him to consult with Franklin on the best mode of accomplishing his mission. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 15.**

From [**Abbé**] **J. Nekrep.** 1784. June 12. Vienna.

Acknowledging his politeness to him at Passy. Description of a balloon experiment at Vienna. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 128.**

From [**Félix**] **Vicq d'Azyr.** 1784. June 15.

Sends him the report of Messrs. Andry and Thouret on the magnets of l'Abbé Le Noble. The Royal Society of Medicine extremely flattered by Franklin's request for a collection of their volumes; will forward him the ones already printed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 16.**

From **Jno. Witherspoon.** 1784. June 15. London.

Introducing Mr. William Brown who has been a teacher in London and who goes to Paris to perfect his knowledge and pronunciation of the French language; if Franklin could procure him a position where he might teach English or the classics, it would be a true charity. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 17.**

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1784. June 15. Essay.

Introducing his nephew, M. Dufriche Des Genettes, who has studied medicine for four years in Paris, and now goes to England to learn the methods in vogue there; begs letters of recommendation for him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 18.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** 1784. June 16.

Requests the return of the original registry or record book of the Commission, as it is to be copied. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 262.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** 1784. June 17. Chaillot.

The Commissioners [to investigate mesmerism] will wait upon him Saturday, before noon; they are Messrs. Majault, Sallin, Guillotin, D'Arcet, physicians; Messrs. Le Roy, de Bory, and Bailly, academicians; they will bring also M. [Charles] Deslon, and the young man who has already been the subject of an experiment, as well as Mesdames de Bory, de Romagni and de Moret. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

XXXII, 19.

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1784. June 18. London.

Concerning the last five volumes of the Royal Society's Transactions, which he hopes by this time have arrived safely. Good wishes from himself and wife. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 20.**

From ——— **Roubaud.** 1784. June 18. Aix.

Pained by the want of accuracy displayed by the public papers; the United States of America is constantly referred to as the Thirteen United States in spite of the fact that Vermont was the fourteenth state to be admitted to the Union; appeals to Franklin to set the matter right. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII,21.**

From **Th[omas] Jefferson.** 1784. June 19. Boston.

Expected Congress to communicate to Franklin directly the powers committed to him, [John] Adams and himself. Expects to sail for France in July. His desire to meet with [John] Jay before his departure for America. News of Mrs. [Richard] Bache and her family. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 22.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 102; Bigelow, VIII, 505).

From **du Petit-vendin.** 1784. June 19. Arras.

Begs for information of his son, Louis de Maresquelle, Colonel of Artillery and Inspector-General of the foundries at Boston; no word received from him since 1781. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

XXXII, 23.

From ——— **Le Roux.** 1784. June 19. Paris.

M. Court de Gebelin, who has just died, honored him with his friendship. Introduces a Swiss, a man of letters, who expected to get a position in Paris through the kindness of M. de Gebelin, but his death has left him without resources; begs Franklin's aid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 24.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1784. June 21. Philadelphia.

A long time since they have heard from Franklin; their hopes of seeing him at home that summer, especially if it be true that Congress has slighted a late application of his, in spite of its meeting with general approval; powerful influence of Mr. J[ohn] A[dams] with some Congressional members. Dr. Franklin's letters to Dr. [Samuel] Cooper; the possibility of the Doctor's death preventing the letters from being made as public as Franklin wished; advisability of transmitting copies to some other friend in Boston. News of the family. A. L. S. 3 p.
XXXII, 26.

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1784. June 21. Philadelphia.

Introducing to Franklin's notice and civility, Mr. Francis West, eldest son of the late Mr. William West of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 27.**

From **Rich[ard] Bache.** 1784. June 21. Philadelphia.

Introducing his worthy friend, Mr. John Donaldson, of Philadelphia, a merchant of excellent character and reputation. Cannot help flattering himself that they shall have Franklin with them that summer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 28.**

From **Joseph Rati.** 1784. June 21. Genoa.

Finds that the American flag is not respected by the Moors of Barbary; is afraid to return to New England with his rich cargo, in a ship only fit for a peaceable trade; has heard much talk of a pass granted by the French Court to American vessels trading in the straits; encloses a copy of his register [1 p.] to prove his vessel an American possession; if his request is refused, will be obliged to make his vessel a British bottom; begs Franklin's advice and direction. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXII, 29.

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1784. June 22. London.

Mr. [Richard] Champion's observations on Lord Sheffield's book. Motion by Mr. [Thomas] Astle, and carried in the Council of the Royal Society, to present Dr. Franklin with the gold medal, struck on account of the protection given to Capt. [James] Cook by the King of France and Empress of Russia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 30.**

From **Ezra Stiles.** 1784. June 22. Yale College [New Haven].

Introducing Col. [David] Humphreys, a graduate of Yale, then a professor in that college, a distinguished soldier and a particular friend as well as Aide-de-camp to Gen. Washington; his appointment by Congress as Secretary to the illustrious triumvirate of Ambassadors for negotiating commercial treaties with foreign powers; prophesies great things of the Colonel's future, especially as influenced by the councils and hoary wisdom of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 31.**

From **Messrs. Wachworth and Church.** 1784. June 24. Paris.

Regret their inability to wait on Franklin before leaving Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **CVI, 42.**

From **J. Thiriot.** 1784. June 27.

As long as he was able to earn a living, never asked aid; now he suffers from an incurable disease and is unable to walk; applies to Franklin for aid. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 32.**

From **[Mme.] Noailles de la Fayette.** 1784. June 28. Paris.

M. de la Fayette detained at l'Orient by contrary winds; informed by him that a package of letters has arrived from America; of the utmost importance that her husband should see any American mail arrived for him before his departure; begs for information as to this packet. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 33.**

From **Sam[ue]l Chase.** 1784. June 28. London.

Introducing Mr. [Charles] Moss, son of the Bishop of Bath. Expects to sail before the middle of July. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 34.**

From **Felix Frecou.** 1784. June 29. Lyons.

Is the author of a treatise on the rules of exchange in all countries trading with France; ignorant of certain facts appertaining to American exchange; applies to Franklin for this information, which is all that is needed to complete his book. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 35.**

From **Wilt, Delmestre & Co.** 1784. June 29. Nantes.

At the request of Mr. [John] Sparhawk, of Philadelphia, begs to know whether certain bills have been presented for acceptance; in case they have been, asks a certificate to that effect. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 36.**

From **B[ethia] Alexander.** 1784. June 29. St. Germain.

Commissioned by Madame la Comtesse de la Marck to beg Franklin to spend a day with her; leaves the choice with him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 36½.**

From **W. de Nancy.** 1784. June 30. Nancy.

Writes on behalf of his brother, the Vicomte de Fontanges, who has been omitted from the list of French officers, granted the Order of Cincinnatus; enumerates his brother's claims to this distinction and trusts Franklin will be able to procure it for him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 37.**

From ——— **de La Croix.** [1784. June ?]

Asking some assistance in his unfortunate situation. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 170.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1784. June. [Paris.]

Sends several copies of the promised report, also the third volume of the Collection of the Royal Society of Medicine; thanking him on behalf of the Society for the memoir of Mr. [John] Perkins. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 38.**

From ——— **Masse.** 1784. July 1. Marseilles.

A tirade against his countrymen, and the existing state of French society; his admiration for America; begs Franklin to procure him a position as servant to some English-speaking person; sneers at the relation of servants and masters in France. A. L. S. 11 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 39.**

From ——— **de Chadirac.** 1784. July 1. Paris.

If it is in Franklin's power, begs him for the Cross of Cincinnatus; his claims to such an honor. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The Order of Cincinnatus established by private agreement among the officers; has therefore no concern in it whatever; M. de la Fayette acted, until his departure, for that Society; has heard of no one being left in his place. **XXXII, 40.**

From **Thomas Cushing.** 1784. July 2. Boston.

Refers Franklin to Governor [Thomas] Jefferson for the state of affairs in America. Introducing the Hon. Nathaniel Tracy, largely concerned in trade, and lately a member of the Senate. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 41.**

From ——— **Pissot.** 1784. July 3. Paris.

Unable to send Franklin a copy of Cook's Voyage; in accordance with his request, sends him a list of those who have purchased the work; positive that anyone of those gentlemen would be delighted to lend him the book. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 42.**

From **Le Couteulx & Co.** 1784. July 3. Paris.

Concerning the cargo of tobacco sent by Mr. [Robert] Morris as part-payment on £300,000 paid by them a month ago for account of the United States; they only sold this tobacco to the House of Berard after the Farmers[-General] had declined to pay him the forty-seven livres; should the Farmers be willing to treat at a regular price will engage M. Berard to prefer them for whatever is still left. Increase in the price of tobacco. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXII, 43.**

From [**Madame**] **Noailles de la Fayette.** [1784.] July 4. Paris.

Asking Franklin to grant an interview to one of their relatives who desires to settle in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 151.**

From **George Le Cerf.** 1784. July 4. Paris.

Reminds him of his promised information concerning the establishment in America of a clock and watch-making concern; desires to know whether his proposal is acceptable or not; strongly inclined to settle in America with his little family; begs some information about any vessel sailing thither in September. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 44.**

From ——— **de Junquiere.** 1784. July 6. Paris.

Has need of his counsel on a matter which concerns the very interesting widow of a gentleman known to Franklin who left estates in Virginia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 45.**

From [**Carle**] **Vernet.** 1784. July 6. Paris.

Recommending M. Fossard, who desires to go to America; he will explain his purposes as well as the marriage which such a step will necessitate between himself and Mlle. de Montauville; commits both young people to Franklin's wisdom and protection. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 46.**

From [**Mme.**] **Baudoüin Barre.** 1784. July 6. Nantes.

Cannot believe she is the only one to be deprived of Franklin's benevolence; implores him to give her fifty louis. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 47.**

From ——— **Colson.** 1784. July 6. Paris.

Deputed by *La Maison Philantropique* to remind him of their meeting on the following Wednesday; the assessment for July will be payable then. Partly printed N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 48.**

From [**Stephen**] **D'audibert Caille.** 1784. July 6. Paris.

Has been appointed Mediator by the Emperor of Morocco, between His Majesty and those of the powers who wish for peace; offers his services in this capacity to the United States; various communications on this subject sent by him to Congress; desires to pay his respects to Franklin at any appointed time. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 49.**

From ——— **du Freme.** 1784. July 8. Versailles.

At the request of the Maréchal de Castries, reminds Franklin of his letter of the 20th ult. concerning a plan for the redistribution of the prizes taken by Commodore [John] Paul Jones. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 50.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1784. July 9. Madrid.

Fulfilled his promise to return to Spain before the Royal family left Aranjuez. Franklin chosen a member of the Royal Academy of History; will send diploma and the letter of the Count de Campomanès by the next post. Translation into Spanish of the little works Franklin gave him. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 51.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 104).

From **Mason Weems and Edward Gant.** 1784. July 9. London.

Natives of America and students of divinity, who, having no form of Episcopal ordination at home, came to England a year before for orders; refusal of the Archbishop [of Canterbury] to ordain them unless they took the oath of allegiance; deplorable state of affairs; in Maryland, out of sixty churches, thirty are vacant; wish to know if they can take orders in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXII, 52.**

From **J[ean Pierre] Carayon.** 1784. July 9. Nîmes.

A detailed account of various fraudulent transactions; a cargo of merchandise sent to America under the supervision of his associates, Messrs. Bland & Ducastel; the sale or exchange of their cargo at Newbern, North Carolina; the sudden and suspicious death of both men; the news of the catastrophe and an offer of services sent him by Messrs. Vanschellebeck & Mailhot, French merchants established at Newbern; from this date, 1781, gives an account of the fraudulent actions of that firm aided by one Chaponel, who pretended to be Consul; in spite of reiterated promises not a dollar of their investment has returned to him; all has been taken; appeals to Franklin to see justice done him. A. L. S. 11 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 53.**

From **William Doyle.** 1784. July 10. Flushing near Falmouth.

Known to Generals Washington, Gates and Mifflin and to Mr. John Adams. His well-known wishes for the prosperity of the British Colonies beyond the Atlantic; is not, however, a Republican; dislikes and disapproves of the present constitution of the Thirteen Colonies; unfolds his plan of dividing up North America into provinces regardless of the present State boundaries; goes on to suggest changes in the entire map of Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 54.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1784. July 12. Newington-Green.

His pamphlet on the American Revolution; letter from M. [Etienne François, Marquis] Turgot; desires Franklin's advice concerning his right to order it printed and appended to his manuscript. Visit to Dr. [Joseph] Priestley. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 55.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 105).

From **J. Grubb.** 1784. July 13. Nantes.

His marriage prevented by the difference between his belief and that of his fiancée; this obstacle can only be removed by the King's permission; begs Franklin to obtain this for them; promises to bring up their offspring to revere his name. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 56.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1784. July 16. Paris.

Found among some papers the enclosed from Mr. [James] Hutton; thinks the verses on Franklin's portrait better expressed than those in print. Sends him Mr. Euler's book; thinks his theory of magnetism ingenious but not convincing. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 147.**

From **Joh[ann] Schmoldt, Joh[anns] Sohn.** 1784. July 16. Osten, Hanover.

Electorate of Hanover is under supremacy of Great Britain. Many Hanoverians are desirous of emigrating to the United States, but, being obliged to pay 10 per cent. of their property to the Government, they desist. Could a clause be inserted in the treaty with Great Britain whereby this tax is removed? Advantage would be on American side. Many wealthy Hanoverian farmers would be induced to settle in the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 70.**

From **[Baron] De Feriet.** 1784. July 17. Versailles.

Announcing the arrival of the glasses without a scratch; as soon as the harmonica shall be brought to Versailles, he will do his best to complete the work to Franklin's satisfaction. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 57.**

From [**Mme.**] **Harding-Gesche** [**?**]. 1784. July 20. Cap Français.

Has discovered that the grandmother of her children, an Englishwoman, was named Franklin; honored by such a connection; her son goes to France to enter the service; hopes Franklin will not decline to receive him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 58.**

From **James Hill.** 1784. July 20. London.

Announcing the completion of the locket; will forward it to Franklin, whom he trusts will condescendingly officiate on his behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 59.**

From **Pierre du Calvet.** 1784. July 20. London.

Is the Canadian who communicated to Franklin in October the history of his misfortunes at Quebec during the stay there of the Americans in 1776; by order of the American Generals supplied them with all kinds of provisions, the money for which was never paid him; his cruel imprisonment in 1780 by order of Gen. [Sir Frederick] Haldimand, on suspicion of favoring the Americans; the cost and slowness of the lawsuit he is instigating in London; begs Franklin to obtain from Congress the whole or at least a part of the money owing him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 60.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1784. July 21. Newington Green.

Introducing Mr. Lewis who wishes just to see Franklin. Sent him a letter by Lord Fitzmaurice, Lord Shelburne's eldest son, which formed part of a packet directed to Miss Wilkes at the Duchesse de la Valliere's. Has just been informed that M. Turgot left no family, a fact which removes some of his scruples. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 61.**

From **de Lamette Frohard.** 1784. July 21. Dunkirk.

Recommends a branch of his family composed of a mother and eight children; his desire to have them settled in America; begs Franklin to stand towards them as father and find them a small plot of ground not far from his own home. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 62.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1784. July 22. Paris.

Asking for certain papers connected with the ship, the "Marquis de la Fayette." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 148.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. July 24. The Hague.

Enclosures for Congress and for M. Van Berkel. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 225.**

From **Count de Campomanès.** 1784. July 26. Madrid.

Remarks on Franklin's writings, especially on the piece entitled, "Information to those who would remove to America." Law in Spain as regards labor and the entailment of estates. Acknowledging his election as a member of the American Philosophical Society. Franklin's election to the Royal Academy of History. A. L. S. 4 p. (In Spanish.) **XXXII, 63.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 114; Bigelow, IX, 17).

From **Benj[amin] Harrison.** 1784. July 27. Richmond, Virginia.

Requesting him to engage an architect who will execute a statue of George Washington for the State of Virginia; has written fully on this subject to Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson who will confer with Franklin on the whole of the business. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 64.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 116; Bigelow, IX, 21).

From **Daume & Co.** 1784. July 27. Paris.

Desiring to know the present whereabouts of [Anne Philippe Dieudonné] de Loyauté, late Colonel in the service of America, or of his agent the Chevalier de Loyauté; debt owing M. Lazare Chavere by the former. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Has no knowledge of either gentleman; refers him to some of the French officers lately returned from America. **XXXII, 65.**

From ——— **Pierrard.** 1784. July 28. Fenétrange.

Refers Franklin to his letter of the 29th of March asking for information about a certain family who emigrated to America thirty years before; making all allowance for delays, hopes by this time Franklin has received some tidings of them. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 66.**

From ——— **Jacob.** 1784. July 30. Paris.

Account of a curious experience; luminous undulations which dance before his eyes; his experiments in stormy weather most successful; in the twinkling of an eye, could kindle the lightning and cause the most tremendous explosions; begs permission to wait on Franklin and go into further detail. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 67.**

From ——— **Anisson** [le fils]. 1784. July 31. Paris.

Regrets that absence from town caused him to miss the visit of Franklin's son; delighted to offer Franklin a copy of his work. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 68.**

From [**Mme.**] **de Baluze.** 1784. July 31. Paris.

Her son living in the vicinity of Philadelphia; their letters to each other constantly lost; begs Franklin to put her in the way of finding a safe conveyance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 69.**

From **Lieut.-Col. Giles.** 1784. August 1. New York.

Takes the liberty of sending to Franklin's care a letter to his friend, Col. Clarkson. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXII, 70.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. August 2. The Hague.

Magnificent sword destined for M. de Suffren. Important enclosures for Congress and M. Van Berkel. After the American Revolution, the next most important event is the alliance, nearly concluded, between France and the Netherlands. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 226.**

From **Desmignons Dusaix.** 1784. August 4. Mont Saint Vincent.

Begging for a passage for herself and family to America, and for the means of raising her seven children. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 71.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1784. August 4.

In obedience to Franklin's request, has delivered the packet from England to his address without sending it to the Syndics. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 72.**

From **Bridon de la Maillardiere.** 1784. August 7. Nantes.

Not knowing Mr. Jonathan Williams [Jr.]'s address, asks Franklin to forward him the enclosed. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 73.**

From [**Capt.**] **Luc** [**Luke**] **Ryan.** 1784. August 8. Paris.

Acknowledging the letter of recommendation to the Maréchal de Castries; has delivered it with his petition; begs Franklin to remind the Minister of his affair. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 74.**

From **Y. Gouvion.** 1784. August 8. Paris.

Sends his servant for the promised letter to Mr. [Robert] Morris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 75.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** [1784.] August 9. [Paris.]

Begging Franklin to read and sign certain papers [relative to the inquiry into Animal Magnetism]. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 128.**

From **Alexander Cain,** Commander of the ship "St. James"; **Mark Collins,** Commander of the ship "Heer Adams"; **Wm. Jones,** Commander of the ship "Eagle." 1784. August 9. L'Orient.

The wide-spread belief in America that both the town and port of l'Orient had been declared free, and that magazines were established there of all kinds of goods suitable to American markets; disappointed in both their beliefs; will not dwell on the loss this means to them and their owners; informed that the edict of May 14th is only suspended for a short time; wish to know if this is so, as they desire to make a true report of the case on their return to America. The advantage to American trade of having the above port free. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXII, 76.**

From ——— **Lemoyne.** 1784. August 9. Paris.

Concerning the unfortunate affair of M. D'Argaynarats, who deserves some indemnity from Congress for his great losses; if the money cannot be refunded, suggests his appointment as Consul; encloses his memoir [3 p.] setting forth the sale of his cargo in America; his payment in paper money and the subsequent announcement by M. De

L'Etombe, Consul at Boston, of its absolute worthlessness; encloses copy of this letter as well as other details connected with the sale of the cargo [4 p.]. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 77.**

From **John Gardner.** 1784. August 10. London.

Through Franklin's kindly intervention, the Farmers-General has remitted the unjust fine on his tobacco. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 78.**

From [**Mme.**] **Baudoüin Barre.** 1784. August 11. Nantes.

Once more applies to Franklin for the fifty louis. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 79.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1784. August 11. Saint Ildefonso.

Sending him the answer from the Count de Campomanès and begging Franklin to make a speedy reply to it. Reports of a treaty with Spain being shortly concluded by Congress; when it is decided, begs to be the one to notify the Court; discouraged by the silence of Congress. Begs Franklin not to leave this world, even if Mme. Helvétius invites him to Elysium, until America is hors d'affaire with all the potentates of Europe. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 80.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1784. August 12. The Hague.

Enclosures for Congress, M. Van Berkel and M. le Duc de la Vauguyon, to be sealed and sent on by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 227.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1784. August 13. Havre-de-Grace.

The enclosed from his father-in-law [Mr. William Alexander] will give Franklin an idea of his business and situation. Hopes to see him in about fifteen days. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 149.**

From **Comte de la Morliere.** 1784. August 13. Marly-le-Roy.

Introducing his son, a distinguished officer under the Count d'Estaing, who fully merits the honor he wishes to beg of Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 81.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1784. August 13. Saint Ildefonso.

Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's account of the silence of Congress to its servants perfectly satisfactory, but that towards the Court of Spain is another question; intends writing to the Commission of the necessity of speaking openly, generously, as well as firmly and respectfully to Spain; thinks he is the proper channel for all such communications. His willingness to live and die with Franklin's family. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 82.**

From **Horatio Gates.** 1784. August 16. New York.

His acknowledgment of a very handsome silver medal, handed him by the Marquis de la Fayette. The spirit of peace not yet established; avarice and ambition poisons every benefit expected from the Revolution. Arrival of Mr. Lawrence; no opportunity as yet to converse with him. Account of an hour's talk with Mr. [John] Jay; thinks their friend's head is so stuffed with flattery and so crammed with vanity as to greatly impair his usefulness. Expects much from the Marquis de la Fayette, if he steers clear of paltry parties. Introducing Capt. Williamos, who will tell much Indian and Canadian history; thinks France might employ him to good purpose. Trusts Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson and Dr. Franklin are on the most confidential footing; thinks the former merits Dr. Franklin's friendship. Col. [David] Humphr[e]y[s] authorized by Mr. Robert Morris to provide the medals so long ordered by Congress for certain officers; begs Franklin to remind the Colonel of his (Gates's), in order that Saratoga may not be so soon forgot. Threatened with blindness. His good wishes for Franklin and for the success of the Republic. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 83.**

From **Ant[oine] Fran[çois] Salucci & Son.** 1784. August 20. Leghorn.

Their desire to encourage a flourishing commerce between Tuscany and America; since their first venture, have sent out three ships loaded with Tuscan produce; the advantages of such a trade; the only disadvantage, the danger to the ships from the Barbary States; strongly recommends to Congress the desirability of removing this drawback. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 84.**

From ——— **Perregaux.** 1784. August 20. Paris.

Encloses a bill from M. Le Veux; begs its acceptance and return as soon as possible. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 85.**

From [**Fanny,**] **Comtesse de Beauharnois.** 1784. August 20.

Writes on behalf of a poor unfortunate who has been obliged to quit work owing to a fall; begs Franklin to add a few louis to those which he has already received; though a stranger, makes this plea to Franklin on the strength of his well-known kindness to the poor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 86.**

From ——— **Chabaud.** 1784. August 23. Paris.

His early departure for St. Domingo; begs Franklin to urge Mr. [Thomas] Barclay to send him the desired information as soon as possible. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 87.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1784. August 24. Philadelphia.

Introducing Mr. John Rucker, one of the acting partners in a commercial house lately established by Mr. Morris in New York. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 88.**

From **James McHenry.** 1784. August 24. Baltimore.

Flattering reception of the Marquis de la Fayette. The adjournment of Congress and the dissolution of the Committee of the States. The States in great harmony with each other; Rhode Island alone resisting the import. The hope of Franklin's friends that he will not retire until peace is certain. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 89.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 135).

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. August 26. Calais.

His safe arrival at Calais in spite of the dilapidated condition of his carriage; arrangements made with M. Dessein for its repair. His efforts to procure the English papers for Dr. Franklin at a cheaper rate. If enough travellers arrive to make up the price of a boat, will cross the Channel that day. Desires news of him and M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard, whose illness he deplores; has not much faith in magnetism but prefers it to such continual bleeding. Reminds him of the promised letter to Mrs. Clark. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 90.**

From **Will[iam] Strahan.** 1784. August 26. London.

Introducing Mr. [Thomas] Berdmore, the celebrated dentist, who goes to Paris on a pleasure jaunt. Visit he received lately from the Gov-

ernor [Wm. Franklin]; glad there is nothing now to interrupt his correspondence with Franklin. Urges him to visit England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 91.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. August 27. Calais.

Detained by contrary winds; hopes to get off before night. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 93.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1784. August 27. [Paris.]

Deputed by the Royal Society of Medicine to send Franklin the tickets for their next public meeting; afraid Franklin's indisposition will prevent his being present; promises to send him the papers which will be distributed. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 94.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. August 28. Dover.

His arrival in Dover after a stormy passage; was sick the entire time; since sleeping and renewing his acquaintance with beefsteak and potatoes, feels better. Arrangements he has made in order that Dr. Franklin may receive the English papers at much less expense. Settlements in connection with the family picture of the Marquis de la Fayette and arrangements for sending it to America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 95.**

From **Benj[amin] Harrison.** 1784. August 28. Richmond, Va.

Recommending to Franklin's kind attention and civilities Mr. William Short, a man of considerable abilities, who goes to France to join his friend, Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 96.**

From **Ro[ber]t Shewell.** 1784. August 29. Philadelphia.

Forwarding the Resolve of Congress respecting the seizure of the brig "L'Aimable Elizabeth" at St. John's, Newfoundland, by Nicholas Gill, Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty at that place; letter from Mr. Charles Thomson, Secretary to Congress, asking Dr. Franklin to procure Mr. Shewell redress; direction given to Mr. John Warder of London in the prosecution of Mr. Gill; begs Dr. Franklin to write Mr. Warder on the subject, if it be deemed necessary. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 97.**

From **J. F. Proth.** 1784. August 30. Montréville near Verdun.

Report that the United States desires some French Catholic priests; offers his services. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. The Government of the United States in no way concerned with the appointment of priests; his recommendation therefore would not only be improper but of no use. **XXXII, 98.**

From ——— **Besnard.** 1784. August 30. Courville.

Report that Franklin is in search of some one to locate iron mines in America and construct furnaces and iron-forges; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. What he has heard is a mistake; everywhere in America are men skilled in locating and working iron mines; thanks him for his offer but cannot encourage him to leave his own country. **XXXII, 99.**

From ——— **Masse.** [1784. August ?] Marseilles.

His former letter, enclosing certificate and asking for a place as domestic in an English household, has received no answer; begs for a reply. A. L. S. 10 p. (In French.) **XLI, 72.**

From [**Pierre**] **Poissonnier.** [1784. August ?]

Reminding him of his promise to sign the Report [on Animal Magnetism] of the Commissioners of the Royal Society of Medicine; it will be presented by M. Albert. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 109.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. September 2. London.

Account of his attack of fever and ague at Canterbury, his pushing on to London and his arrival at his father's; has been ill in bed ever since; his father and the landlady all attention. Has forwarded the various letters, together with the watch for Mr. [John Hyacinth de] Magellan and the packet of the Report [on Animal Magnetism] to Sir Joseph Banks. Lord Shelburne not in town at present; promises to carry out his instructions as concerns Mrs. Holt and to call on Mme. d'Hauteville. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXII, 100.**

From ——— **Moutard.** 1784. September 2. Paris.

Presenting Dr. Franklin with twelve copies of the reports on [animal] magnetism. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin, acknowledging and accepting the same.

XXXII, 101.

From ——— **de la Valinière.** 1784. September 3. Ingrande-sur-Loire.

His residence as a priest in Canada for twenty-six years; account of his subsequent misfortunes; desires to know whether the Catholic religion is tolerated in Vermont, whether he and those who accompany him would receive a grant of land along some river, and also the address of certain bishops who have established themselves not far from Canada; thinks many Canadians would embrace the chance of leaving their country. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. Catholic religion tolerated in all the States; lands not given gratis in any of them; knows nothing of the establishment of bishops mentioned; no provision made for transporting strangers to America; disapproves of enticing French subjects to quit France.

XXXII, 102.

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1784. September 4. London.

Introducing a particular friend, Mr. [Stratford] Canning. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 103.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1784. September 5.

Has just received a letter from the Comte de Mirabeau from London where he has fled after a succession of lively quarrels with the Keeper of the Seals, following the loss of a law-suit against his wife; desires to attend to his business himself; afraid of being deceived by the printers and book-sellers there; begs Franklin for a letter to an honest book-seller, and one to Dr. [Richard] Price or anyone who would be useful to the Count in this emergency; hopes to wait on Franklin soon. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 104.**

From **Pierre Ox.** 1784. September 6. Paris.

Considers that he and his wife have seen nothing in Paris if they fail to see Dr. Franklin; their fellow-citizens in Bâle, Switzerland, will ask them this question first of all; begs for the honor of a few moments' audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 105.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. September 7. London.

Has gotten the better of the fever and ague, but is still very weak; owes his recovery to Dr. [John] Jeffries, his landlady, his father and Peruvian bark; desires a longer congé, in order to accompany his father to the seashore for ten or twelve days; all of the nobility and gentry out of town; the habit of the English to try sea-bathing once a year, as they are all more or less troubled with scurvy. Visits he expects to pay; drank tea with the Paradise family; their gratitude to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXII, 106.**

From **Jacq[ue]s Chapel.** 1784. September 7. Valenciennes.

Expects shortly to go to London on business; begs Franklin to give him a letter to the American Minister there with a request to point out the most reliable commercial houses. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. As yet there is no American Minister in London; has been too long absent himself to give the desired information. **XXXII, 107.**

From **[Jean Sylvain] Bailly.** 1784. September 8. Chaillot.

Sends the original document for perusal prior to his signing it the following day together with all the other Commissioners [to investigate animal magnetism]; although there is nothing secret in the work of the Committee, begs Franklin not to let it be seen, owing to certain articles, concerning which the Committee has not judged it proper to explain themselves; desires this letter burnt. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 108.**

From **[Nicolas Louis Guillaume] Lacoudrais.** 1784. September 8. Honfleur.

Introducing himself as a merchant as well as Swedish Consul at Honfleur; no one at this port to look after the commercial interests of the United States; applies for the position of American Consul there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 109.**

From **L. Benincasa.** 1784. September 10. Ancona.

Wrote to the Marquis de Castries, in his quality of Consul-General of France at Ancona, asking his advice as to the treatment of American vessels; the reply was to treat them as friends and allies of

France, to write Dr. Franklin concerning the appointment of an American Consul; applies for this position for himself. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 110.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. [John] Adams.** 1784. September 11. [Paris.]

Inviting Dr. Franklin and his grandson to dine with them, and begging the loan of one of his servants as both their men-servants are ill. L. in 3d P. **XXXII, 111.**

From **Vicomte de Grasse.** 1784. Septembér 14. Toulon.

Asking Franklin's aid to procure him the decoration of Cincinnatus; gives an account of certain manoeuvres by which he protected the debarcation of General [John] Sullivan's troops; this would constitute a feeble claim to such an honor, were not Franklin to fortify the request by the greatness of his name. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 112.**

From **Pierre du Calvet.** 1784. September 14. London.

Applies again for the money owing him by the United States; General [Sir Frederick] Haldimand has been recalled from Quebec; only needs money to prosecute his suit with success; has interested the Comtes de Vergennes and d'Adhémar in his case; begs Franklin to help him obtain his just dues. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 113.**

From ——— **Charrin.** 1784. September 17. Saint-Chamond.

Desires to know the surest and quickest means of being reimbursed for a contract of the Pennsylvania Loan Office, acquired in 1780 and due for payment in 1783; desires a word of recommendation to the Treasurer of Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. American paper of no use in Europe; it ought to be returned to some person in America who may make the demand; no use sending any recommendation. **XXXII, 114.**

From ——— **Hüe.** 1784. September 19. Calais.

His aged mother left in the world without any other prop than himself; poor as he is, desires to bring her to live with him, unable to do this without the sum of 50 écus; applies to Franklin to help him accomplish this act of filial tenderness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 115.**

From **George Whatley.** 1784. September 20. London.

Introducing Dr. [William] Rowley, one of the physicians in the London College; he goes to Paris to arrange for the publication of a work in Greek and Latin. Remarks on the choice of Franklin to look into the business of magnetism. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 116.**

From [**Mme.**] **Baudoüin Barre.** 1784. September 20. Nantes.

Will not despair of Dr. Franklin's ultimate assistance; implores him to take pity on her. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 117.**

From **Pierre du Calvet.** 1784. September 24. London.

Concerning the debt due him by the United States; has just been informed by Mr. Lambert, banker at Paris, that he must write himself to Congress and forward the papers proving his claim; reproaches Franklin with not having kept his promise to write to Congress and thereby causing him a year's delay; explains the difficulties of settling this affair without Franklin's assistance. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 118.**

From **Stratf[or]d Canning.** 1784. September 25. Paris.

Promising to take care of the packet of letters received from Franklin; acknowledging those for America for Mr. Burrowes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 119.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1784. September 25. Madrid.

Appointment of M. [Diego de] Gardoqui as Minister from Spain to the United States. Question of the "South Carolina" frigate and the indemnity claimed; his promise to write to the Comte de Galvez. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 120.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 140; Bigelow, IX, 61).

From ——— **Glier.** 1784. September 25. Havre.

Writes on behalf of Thomas Dunlap who was arrested while sleeping in a stable where he spent the night for lack of better lodgings; his wish to embark on a vessel going to America; has kept him in prison out of pity, as the poor wretch lacks for everything; applies to Franklin for further directions. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 121.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. September 26. London.

Thanking him for the longer leave of absence; after all found that he could not spare the time to go to the seashore. Late dinners the rule in London; has only been to one play and got to that during the second act. Present at [Vinunzo] Lunardi's ascension; other balloon experiments. Will carry out Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's commission. Desires half a dozen engravings from Duplessis's picture [of Dr. Franklin]. Dined twice at Cheam; Mrs. [Mary] Hewson has not yet said no; follows his instructions on that and every other head. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 122.**

From [Sir] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1784. September 29. Belcamp.

Begs for news of him. Pleasure he experienced in entertaining Colonels Blagden and [James] Wadsworth. His plan to go to America in the spring with his eldest son, a friend, and two servants; expects to visit the capital of every state and part of the back settlements; desires information on various points as well as letters of introduction. Surprised at Mr. [John] Jay's return to America. Disgusted with affairs in Ireland; expects to retire from public life; agricultural and financial conditions. Description of a country-house he has just built; desires to protect it from lightning. The niche in the library awaits with impatience the bust of Franklin. His two sons returned from India; career of the younger altered. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXII, 123.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.**

1784. September 30. Office of Finance [Philadelphia].

Anticipates with pleasure his own resignation from office. Appreciation of Franklin's efforts to support the finances of America. Acknowledging his explanation of M. [Le Ray de] Chaumont's accounts. Bills for the salaries of Foreign Ministers. His admiration for Franklin's letter to the Comte de Vergennes relative to the attachments laid on the public goods. Disappointed at Franklin's postponed return to America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXII, 124.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 143; Bigelow, IX, 63).

From ——— **Chabaud.** [1784. September ?]

Will leave on the 21st, for San Domingo, unless detained by orders from Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 154.**

From **Fermin de Tastet & Co.** 1784. October 1. London.

Concerning their escape from the financial difficulties brought upon them by the reigning Prince of Salm-Kyrbourg; they are now once more in a position to claim a continuance of Franklin's favors; cruel treatment of them by the Prince de Salm. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 125.**

From **T. T. Fournier l'ainé.** 1784. October 2. Paris.

Informed that Franklin is looking around for some one to teach his grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] the art of engraving; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 126.**

From ——— **de Pusignan.** 1784. October 4. Roanne.

Desires to know if there is any chance of his obtaining the decoration of Cincinnatus; wounded at the siege of Yorktown; ignorance of the necessary formalities must excuse this application. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 127.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 5. London.

Hopes for Mr. [Alexander] J[ohn] Alexander's success in his present attempt. His time taken up with invitations; regrets having to leave without seeing the "worthy Bishop" [of St. Asaph] and Lord Shelburne, who have sent him pressing invitations to visit them; question of the expense of travelling another consideration. Thinks he has executed all of his grandfather's commissions. His intimacy with the Comte de Mirabeau, who makes friends everywhere; urged by the Count to accompany him to Bath and to Lord Shelburne's. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 128.**

From **Prince de Caraminico.** 1784. October 10. Paris.

Informing Franklin that he has had his first audience with Their Majesties and the Royal Family, in his quality of Ambassador Extraordinary of the King of Sicily. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 129.**

From **Veillon De Boismartin.** 1784. October 11. Les Sables-d'Olonne.

Account of the shipwreck of an American vessel in July, 1780, on the most dangerous rock off that coast; part he took in the rescue of the crew, passengers and mail; asks for the decoration of Cincinnatus. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 130.**

From **Will[ia]m Aug[ustu]s Miles.** 1784. October 11. Seraing.

At the request of his friend, Sir Edward Newenham, sends Franklin the enclosed printed extracts from the Irish papers; would be glad to hear of their safe arrival. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 131.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1784. October 12. Paris.

In accordance with Franklin's request, forwarded the letter to Mr. Hemery; his intention of waiting on Franklin and inviting him to dine. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 132.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 12. London.

Arrival of the Abbê [Morellet] and Lord Fitzmaurice; possibility of his returning to Paris with the former. Mrs. [Mary] Hewson's acceptance of Franklin's proposal; they will be with him by the end of the month. His great liking for Mr. and Mrs. [John] Sargent with whom he has been staying; their strong attachment to Dr. Franklin; Mrs. Sargent's admiration for his Dialogue with Mme. la Goutte. Civility of Lord Stanhope and his son Lord Mahon. Dines that day with Mr. [John] Paradise to meet some members of the Royal Society. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 133.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1784. October 12. Belcamp.

His reasons for desiring to be informed of the receipt of a copy of the Evening Post sent to Franklin; suspects it may be held back; the public much agitated by the late meeting; his own attitude. Reminds him of the wished-for letters of introduction. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 134.**

From [**Mme.**] **Carroll d'Auzouer.** 1784. October 12. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of her visit to him in 1778. Concerning her relatives in America, one of whom was a Member of Congress; the last letter she received from him spoke of sending his son to France; fears he is dead; desires an hour with Dr. Franklin that she may ascertain something about her Maryland relations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 135.**

From **Prince de Ligne.** 1784. October 12. Brussels.

Recommending to Franklin's kindness M. de Vaux who desires to increase his moderate competence by work. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 136.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 13. London.

Mrs. [Richard] Price's sad state of health; Mr. Price cannot introduce him to the Whig Club as it does not meet at present. Through the kindness of Dr. [Charles] Blagden and Mr. [William] Vaughan has attended two philosophical clubs; Franklin's health drank both times and many inquiries made concerning him. Has ordered a new kind of letter press, which is far superior to the old one in the office. The printing press ordered for Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson. Recommends that the rooms, for Mrs. [Mary] Hewson, her daughter and son, be made decent. Thinks Mrs. Clark really clever; she would not need much persuasion to be of the party to Paris. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 137.**

From **T[homas] Viny.** 1784. October 13. Tenterden.

Congratulates America on her glorious emancipation and Franklin on his successful labors; good wishes for the future of that country and of Franklin's race. Much concerned that he has to endure so painful a complaint as the stone. Has given up the hope he once entertained of settling in America. Sorry to hear that any of the United States have blended civil and religious liberty. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXII, 138.

From ——— **Dessours [l'ainé].** 1784. October 15. Lyons.

Sent Franklin some months before a plan relative to the advancement of the United States, but has never received any reply; begs for the Commission of Captain in the American army, merely as supernumerary officer without pay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Has never received the plan mentioned but would be glad to see it. Has no authority to grant such commissions but will send his request to Congress. **XXXII, 139.**

From **A. Theodore Cannon.** 1784. October 15. The King's Bench.

Has served his ungrateful country sixteen years; has arrived at the honor of gaining the King's Bench as a recompense, and a Government discharge for the monies expended in its services; wishes to devote the rest of his life to the services of America. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXII, 140.

From ——— **Marioge.** 1784. October 16. Château-Goutier.

Has read in the public papers of the desire in America for manufactories of all kinds; his knowledge of the manufacture of linens and the dyeing of various stuffs; offers his services. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. in French by Franklin. Thanks him for his offer but has no authority to encourage manufacturers to go to America.

XXXII, 142.

From [**Pierre François**] **Chevallié.** 1784. October 19. Rochefort.

Enclosing copies of various documents which prove his claims on Congress, on the State of Virginia and on the Consul at Boston; begs Franklin's assistance in hastening the payment of the amount due.

[List of papers enclosed.] 1. A memoir setting forth his claim to certain sums of money from the sale of the cargo of "Le Fier Rodrigue." [6 p.] 2. Copy of the arbitration decree rendered at Bordeaux between Messrs. de Beaumarchais and Chevallié. [4 p.] 3. Copy of the deed of sale for the cargo of "Le Fier Rodrigue." [2 p.] A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 143.**

From ——— **Du Bost.** 1784. October 20. Lyons.

His idea that the trembling of the earth lately felt at Lyons may have the same relation to the moon, as the high tides have; suggests ascertaining the period of the month when earthquakes have occurred, with a view to strengthening this hypothesis. Has another theory concerning the air as an instrument of transmission, which he wishes to send Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 144.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1784. October 21. Newington Green.

Acknowledging copy of the King of France's Edict establishing a sinking fund; his admiration for its spirit and wisdom; his failure so far to establish a like plan in England; expects to make another trial at the next session of Parliament. Experiments with balloons. Introducing Mr. Jonathan Jackson. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 144½.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 146).

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1784. October 22.

Sending him the two editions of "Bon Homme Richard"; desires to be informed of Mr. W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin's return; anxious to see the books he will bring from England. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 145.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 22. London.

Hopes all his letters have arrived safely. Mrs. [Mary] Hewson seems to have changed her mind; will see her again; date of departure unsettled; will wait till the next Thursday, as he is anxious to dine with Mr. [Benjamin] Vaughan to meet Dr. [Richard] Price and other friends of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 146.**

From ——— **D'Inarre.** 1784. October 22. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Desires information as to the price of land and negroes and the incursions of savages in America; his wish to become a planter in South Carolina; his wife willing to accompany him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 147.**

From ——— **Charretier.** 1784. October 23. Paris.

Sending the two parcels he brought from London; expects to wait upon Franklin on his return from Versailles. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXII, 148.**

From **[Félix] Vicq d'Azyr.** 1784. October 24.

Desired by the Royal Society of Medicine to inform Franklin that the Count Doels will be present at their next meeting to be held on the 26th inst.; dare not hope for the honor of Franklin's presence; any persons to whom he may care to give tickets, will receive the best possible places. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 149.**

From **Witel & Pauche.** 1784. October 24. Neufchâtel.

They are printers and booksellers who desire to emigrate to America; three partners in the firm; their desire for information on certain important points. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 150.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 26. London.

Thanks for his extension of leave; proposes to use the extra days in visiting the Bishop [of St. Asaph] and the [John] Sargents. Possibility of returning to Paris with the Abbé Morellet. Thinks it unlikely Mrs. [Mary] Hewson will be of the party. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 151.**

From ——— **Sailly.** 1784. October 26. Nantes.

Sending a letter and packet committed to his care by Mr. [Richard] Bache; prevented by business from presenting them in person. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 152.**

From ——— **de Fontenet.** 1784. October 26. Paris.

Six weeks before, asked permission to present his nephew who has served various campaigns in America; admonished by his sister, Mme. de Deux-Ponts, to be sure that such a visit would be agreeable to Franklin; anticipates the honor of entertaining Franklin at dinner. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 153.**

From **David Dickson & Co.** 1784. October 26. London.

Introducing Mr. Josiah Miller, who goes to Paris on urgent business; escape of their factor, Mr. John Pickman, with considerable property belonging to the firm, mostly in bills of exchange. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 154.**

From [**Mme.**] **Paradis.** 1784. October 27. Paris.

Ardent desire of the family to possess some souvenir of Franklin; begs him to write a word in the little book intended for that purpose. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 155.**

From **Baron Löwenhardt.** 1784. October 28. Triel.

Concerning a metal for sheathing boats and a metallic varnish for preserving iron from rust; this metal also used for covering houses; gives the different prices. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 156.**

From **Comte de la Platière.** 1784. October 29. Paris.

The Royal Family and most of the Foreign Ministers having subscribed for *La Salarée Universelle,* trusts Franklin will do the same. E. in French by Franklin. 1 p. As he expects shortly to return to America, cannot make use of the proposed subscription. **XXXII, 157.**

From **Abbé de Charmois.** 1784. October 29. Paris.

Requesting a free passage to America for Francisque Sube, who served during the late war and was wounded at the siege of Yorktown. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. No vessels in France belonging to the United States, nor will there be any probably as long as peace continues; unable therefore to grant his request. **XXXII, 158.**

From **The Ambassador of Malta.** 1784. October 29. Paris.

On account of illness cannot receive the Assembly at his house. It will be held at the English Ambassador's. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 73.**

From **James Bourdieu.** 1784. October 30. Paris.

Renewing his recommendation of the brothers de Vaux, who propose sailing immediately for New York; reminds Franklin of his promise to interest himself on their behalf. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 159.**

From **Fortin De Le Bel.** 1784. October 30. Paris.

Understands artists are in demand in America; recommends a young woman who desires to pursue her work in that country provided the advantages offered are sufficient. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 160.**

From **Gilles De Lavallée.** 1784. November 1. Beaumont-sur-oise.

Two years ago, laid before Franklin his plan for establishing in Philadelphia and elsewhere one or more manufactories for making ribbons; now that peace is declared, desires a short interview on this subject. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 162.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. November 1. Chilbolton.

Enjoying his visit to the worthy Bishop [of St. Asaph], Mrs. Shipley and her daughters. For lack of time, has given up his visit to Lord Shelburne. Expects to spend two days with the [John] Sargents and another in taking leave of Mrs. [Mary] Hewson. Promised the Dean of St. Asaph to be present at his trial, so will not take his final departure till the 9th or 10th. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 163.**

From **J. Daniel Kerschner.** 1784. November 5. Landau.

Settled in Philadelphia with his family twenty years before; in 1783, returned to Europe to claim a legacy; to do this effectually was obliged to conceal his residence in America and make pretense of becoming a citizen of Landau; the affair being now arranged, desires to return to Philadelphia; in order not to be treated as an emigrant or deserter, wishes a permit from the King; encloses a copy of this request addressed to the Maréchal de Ségur [3 p.]; avoids mention of his establishment in Philadelphia or of his legacy; begs Franklin's influence with the Minister. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 164.**

From [**Sir**] **E**[**dward**] **Newenham.** 1784. November 6. Belcamp.

Introducing Mr. Canier, Major of the Independent Dublin Volunteers, a steady and active friend to the rights and liberties of Ireland; if the Marquis de la Fayette is in Paris, begs Franklin to present the Major to him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 165.**

From ——— **de Laubarède.** 1784. November 6. Paris.

Encloses a copy of his letter to Franklin, written in April [2 p.]; begs for a few louis. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 166.**

From ——— **Anisson fils.** 1784. November 8. Paris.

Hears that Franklin has received, from England, certain type used in the new method employed there; begs for information on the subject. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 167.**

From **W**[**illiam**] **T**[**emple**] **Franklin.** 1784. November 9. London.

Mrs. [Mary] Hewson to accompany him to Paris with her children; his departure delayed by his father's wish to have him sit to [Gilbert] Stuart, esteemed by [Benjamin] West and everybody the greatest living portrait painter; compliment paid Stuart by West. With difficulty, procured Dr. Franklin's miniature sent to Georgiana [Hare, *née* Shipley]; Mr. West at present painting from it in the picture of the signing of the treaty. Trial of the Dean of St. Asaph; the affair not nearly finished. Not present at the Lord Mayor's show owing to a slight indisposition. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 168.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1784. November 10. Bordeaux.

Just returned from the country. Acknowledges Franklin's kindness; his business not much advanced; paper forged by Price and Haywood; has no idea how the case will be decided. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXII, 169.

From **C[om]te de La Touche.** 1784. November 10. Paris.

Begging Franklin to glance over the enclosed papers; great weight attaching to a recommendation from him; thinks the request of M. [Pierre François] Chevallié will excite his interest and sympathy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 170.**

From **Chatelain Hagoa.** 1784. November 11. Paris.

For a long time has wished to describe his work to Franklin; the manuscript was almost finished when a second accident laid him up for three months. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 171.**

From **Fortin De Le Bel.** 1784. November 12. Paris.

Desires to know whether Congress really wishes the presence of artists in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 172.**

From **[Edme Sébastien] Jeaurat.**
1784. November 13. Royal Observatory.

Begging Franklin to forward the enclosed packet to Mr. Joseph Willard at Boston; it contains a volume of the *Connaissance des Temps pour 1787*. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 173.**

From **George Whatley.** 1784. November 15. London.

His book, the *Principles of Trade;* new institution at Paris for assisting women to suckle their own children at home; advantages of the Foundling Hospital; thinks America should buy all the children who cannot be maintained in England. Reflections on death and immortality. Double spectacles. The Philadelphia bank; powers of Congress should be carefully limited. Freedom of worship; quotes the Abbé Raynal. Question of Franklin's returning home. A. L. S. 8 p.
XXXII, 174.

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 147; Bigelow, IX, 67).

From [**François**] **Blanchard.** 1784. November 16. London.

Expects shortly to make his sixth aerial voyage between England and France; second experiment he expects to try in London; sarcastic treatment of him in the French papers; will deal with them later. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 175.**

From [**Jean**] **Brunnet.** 1784. November 17. Dunkirk.

Served on board the "Bon Homme Richard" in 1779 under Commodore [John] Paul Jones; put ashore at Dunkirk on account of his wounds; has never received any part of the prize-money due him; his present destitute state; begs Franklin to second his request to the Marquis de Castries. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Never had any concern with the prizes taken by the "Bon Homme Richard"; recommends him to apply to Commodore Jones who is at present in Paris. **XXXII, 176.**

From ——— **Barboutin ainé.** 1784. November 18. Bordeaux.

Account of his voyage to America and his sale of a rich cargo there for which payment was made in paper money; his present unfortunate position, having lost his ship and been robbed of a quantity of merchandise; begs Franklin to assist him in procuring a fair equivalent for his paper money. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 177.**

From **W**[**illiam**] **T**[**emple**] **Franklin.** 1784. November 19. London.

Expects to set out in a day or two; this last delay caused by Mrs. [Mary] Hewson; her family will number five, counting a maid. Interesting talk with Counsellor [Richard] Jackson; has much to tell when they meet. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 178.**

From **Edward Church.** 1784. November 19. Dunkirk.

Is a graduate of Harvard and a native of Boston, where he left his wife and five children; was a successful merchant until the war deprived him of everything; applies for the position of American Agent or Consul at Dunkirk. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 179.**

From [**Monte**] **Brav.** 1784. November 21. Paris.

A protegé and old friend of M. De L'Etombe, French Consul at Boston; calls Franklin's attention to two pamphlets entitled *Letter*

of M. Mesmer to M. Franklin, and *Autres Réveries sur le Magnetisme;* begs Franklin to reply to these publicly; his indignation against this charlatanism and quackery. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 180.**

From [**Mme.**] **Carroll d'Auzouer.** 1784. November 22. Châteaudun.

Enclosing a letter from Mr. Carroll, Annapolis, Maryland. Her regret at seeing so little of Mrs. [John] Adams and the other American ladies; delighted at the reception accorded her by Franklin; struck by his kindness to the Abbé [John] Carroll. Illness of herself and her husband. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 181.**

From **John Shuttleworth. 1784. November 24. Annapolis.**

Begs Franklin to inform the Governor of Maryland, William Paca, that at an interview at Passy in 1782, Franklin gave the writer a letter to General Washington, asking permission for him to pass through the lines with his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 182.**

From **F. Deumié Groc.** 1784. November 26. L'Orient.

Concerning his ship "L'Aimable Elizabeth"; her abandonment in a storm by the crew who saved themselves on board the American vessel "Nancy," commanded by Captain Robert Shewell, of Philadelphia; no mention in the subsequent reports of eight men from the "Nancy" having been left on board the French ship, which rumor says was taken to St. John's, Newfoundland, and her cargo burnt with the exception of the salt; begs Franklin to request from Captain Shewell a truthful account of this affair with the papers of the sale of the French ship's cargo. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 183.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. November 27. Dover.

Safely arrived at Dover; expect to cross the following morning. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 184.**

From **George Whatley.** 1784. November 30. London.

Introducing Dr. Brogden an old acquaintance of his friend Dr. [William] Rowley. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 185.**

From **Pierre Dessin.** 1784. November 30. Calais.

The large box left at the Customs-house has been forwarded to Paris. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 186.**

From ——— **de Lalande.** 1784. December 1. Collège Royal.

Acknowledging the pamphlet of M. Toreia with Franklin's instructive additions. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 187.**

From **Le Banneret d'Ostervald.** 1784. December 1. Neufchatel.

Fears he has not been sent their later volumes of *Descriptions des Arts et Métiers;* the twentieth now in press; famous sovereigns to whom the various volumes have been dedicated; asks leave to dedicate the twentieth to the respectable body governing the United States. A. L. S. 3 P. (In French.) **XXXII, 188.**

From **Comte de Saint Léger.** 1784. December 1. Marseilles.

Served under the Comte d'Estaing; offers his services as American Agent at Marseilles; asks for the order of Cincinnatus. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 188½.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1784. December 2.

Praise of friendship. Account of her small grandchild. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 7.**

From [**Sextius Alexandre François**] **Miollis.** 1784. December 2. D'usés.

Fought three campaigns in America in the army of the Comte de Rochambeau; at the siege of Yorktown, had most of his jaw shot away by the explosion of a bomb and lost his sight and hearing almost entirely; for three years has endured the most intense suffering; only twenty-one when he was wounded; begs for the Order of Cincinnatus. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 190.**

From **And[re]w Limozin.** 1784. December 3. Havre-de-Grace.

Enclosing a letter arrived that day from America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 191.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1784. December 3. St. Germain.

Description and drawings of a travelling carriage which he thinks might suit Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 150.**

From **Christine Marguérite Häberlin (née Luther).**
1784. December 4. Frankfort-on-the-Main.

Reminding Franklin of his correspondence with her father, Henry Ehrenfeld Luther in 1765 and 1766, and of his visit to him; has no hesitation in saying that the numerous persons sent by her father to America laid the foundation of the happiness of those free states; many promises but little acknowledgments made for these services; a tract of land finally granted her father in Massachusetts; his subsequent death; their efforts to sell the land interrupted by the war; now that peace is declared, begs Franklin for her sake and that of her brothers and sisters to aid them in obtaining their rights. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 192.**

From ——— **Dessous.** 1784. December 4. Paris.

Desires to communicate certain commercial speculations involving large interests. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 193.**

From [**Baron**] **De Feriet.** 1784. December 5. Versailles.

Understood from Franklin that when his son returned he would look at the different apartments at Versailles; begs Franklin to regard him as his agent. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 194.**

From [**Jacques**] **Besse.** 1784. December 5. Kehl.

Report of Franklin's approaching departure for America and of his desire for a printer; would be glad to accompany him in that capacity. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 195.**

From [**Jean Sylvain**] **Bailly.** 1784. December 7. Paris.

Sending him the record, to which has been affixed the final signature of all the Commissioners except Franklin.[1] In the name of the Faculty of Medicine M. Majault sends him three copies of their decree relative to the report, as well as a work of his own. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 196.**

[1] Exposé des Expériences qui ont été faites pour l'Examen du Magnetisme Animal.

From **Jh. Fichet.** 1784. December 8. St. Malo.

In 1778, armed a ship, "Le Sartine," for the United States; her arrival at Charleston and the cargo sold; the Captain deposited a part of the funds with Congress for a term of three years at six per cent. interest; since then has received neither the principal nor the interest; begs Franklin to procure a settlement. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 197.**

From **Ed[wa]rd Bancroft.** 1784. December 9. Chiswick.

Sorry to hear he is troubled with the stone. Supposes it has not been long since Franklin saw his father. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXII, 198.**

From **Major Canier.** 1784. December 9. Paris.

Is the bearer of a letter from Sir Edward Newenham; desires to know when he may have the honor of delivering it. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXII, 199.**

From ——— **de Saint Paul.** 1784. December 10. Nantes.

Animal Magnetism; greatly impressed by the teachings of Mesmer; his faith shaken but his reason not absolutely convinced by the Report of the Commissioners; calls Franklin's attention to contradictory statements in the Report; begs for further enlightenment on the subject, A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 200.**

From **Tho[mas] Barclay.** 1784. December 10. L'Orient.

Intends leaving l'Orient and stopping at Bordeaux on his way to Paris; offers his services as a carrier. Box of tea sent to Franklin, Adams and Jefferson; china sent to young Mr. Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 201.**

From **A[melia] Barry.** 1784. December 10. Pisa.

Governor Pownall's kind intentions towards her frustrated. Delightful climate of Pisa; promises him every attention if he will only come there; has a sweet, little box on the Arno which costs eight guineas a year; with strict economy can live very comfortably. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXII, 202.**

From ——— **Lafontaine.** 1784. December 10. Versailles.

Hearing that Franklin is in search of a house, offers to rent him one. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 203.**

From ——— **Dessous.** 1784. December 12. Paris.

Anxious to talk over with him certain commercial speculations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 204.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1784. December 14. Belcamp.

Refers to his request for advice concerning a lightning conductor for his new house. The space in the library calls aloud for Franklin's bust. Law-suit in which he is involved. Believes that they will obtain a reform. Professions chosen by his three sons. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 205.**

From **Grand de Glarisegg.** 1784. December 14.

Announcing the birth of a son. Printed N. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 205½.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1784. December 16. Paris.

Acknowledging the book and the letter accompanying it; shed tears of admiration and regret for the great man who wrote it; will treasure this proof of Franklin's friendship and this monument to the greatness of the author; her opinion of a man to whom such a letter has been written. Sends the desired verses, written on the singular chance which caused an eagle to drop into Franklin's garden. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 205¾.**

From **Jonat[han] Nesbitt.** 1784. December 17. L'Orient.

Suggests sending less important mail by vessels going directly to Philadelphia, thereby saving the expense of forwarding them by the packet boat. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 206.**

From ——— **Bedtinger.** 1784. December 17. Versailles.

Recommends his relative, M. Dupuis, for the position of Vice-Consul at Dieppe. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 207.**

From ——— **Pastoret.** 1784. December 19. Paris.

As Franklin's brother Mason takes the liberty of recommending M. Dupuis for the position of Vice-Consul at Dieppe. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 208.**

From ——— **Colson.** 1784. December 19. Paris.

Deputed by the *Maison Philantropique* to remind Franklin that their meeting will take place on the 24th inst. when officers will be elected. Printed L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 209.**

From ——— **de Tronquoy.** 1784. December 22. Paris.

Asks for an appointment to confer with him on matters of interest. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 210.**

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** 1784. December 22. St. Germain.

Had hopes of effecting a compromise with his adversaries, but has just heard, with astonishment, that Mr. [Thomas] Walpole is taking measures to have him arrested; arrangements made with Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] for his escape; begs for a passport to Holland, made out in his assumed name, John Brown. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXII, 211.**

From **Dalzan de la Pierre.** 1784. December 23. Florac.

Will despatch this by a trustworthy messenger to whom he may speak openly. An opportunity has just offered of going to America; a word from Franklin will decide him. Report in the newspaper of certain Roman Catholics in America demanding from the Pope an Apostolical Vicar; his reasons for disapproving of such a step. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 212.**

From **Jean Rousseau.** 1784. December 24. London.

His petition to Congress has received no reply. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 213.**

From **Thomas Tabb Bolling.** 1784. December 24. Orleans.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind attentions to him in Paris; after presenting Franklin's letter of recommendation, was given the most friendly reception, especially by Mme. Crignon. Expects to start work on mathematics in the beginning of January; begs for a line. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXII, 214.**

From **John Egleton.** 1784. December 26.

Has heard that some gentlemen contemplate sending a gardener to America to cultivate the plants to be imported into France; offers himself for the position, provided the salary is adequate. A. L. S. 1 p.
XXXII, 215.

From ——— **Bayard.** 1784. December 26.

The treaty he made with the State of Georgia, under Franklin's auspices, proved extremely prejudicial to his interests; in order to complete an arrangement with his creditors, begs Franklin to recommend the enclosed memoir to the Baron de Breteuil. Commissioned by an old friend of Franklin to lay before him a plan for the prosperity of the United States; cannot put it on paper. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXII, 216.

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.**

1784. December 29. Genettes near Le Mesle-sur-Sarthe.

Good wishes for the coming year, especially for the prosperity of America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 217.**

From ——— **Surges.** 1784. December 29. New Orleans.

Sad condition of Louisiana; lack of money; will make every effort to leave and go to New York. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXII, 218.

From [**F.**] **Deumié Groc.** 1784. December 31. L'Orient.

Relative to the meeting of the French ship, "L'Aimable Elizabeth" with the American vessel, the "Nancy"; repeats his request for certain papers and some information about this unfortunate event. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXII, 219.**

From ——— **Anisson** [**le fils**]. [*Circa* 1784.]

Requesting the letters promised, as he leaves next morning early. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 211.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.] 13th. Annet.

Writes from a country residence where she is staying. Enjoys country life but does not like to be separated from her friends. If Franklin

ever goes away altogether she will be very unhappy. Hopes he will revisit her rustic cottage. Asks him to write her a few lines in French. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 111.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.] Thursday, 17th. Annet.

Has heard from M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard that he and Franklin will pay her a visit on Saturday, and stay at her house a few days. Looks forward to their coming with the greatest impatience and pleasure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 96.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.] 20th. Annet.

Will take tea with Franklin on Saturday. Is looking forward with pleasure to their meeting again. Her friendship for him increases each day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 112.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.] Wednesday. Annet.

Asks Franklin why he did not give her long ago the letter in French which he had written to her and in which he says he adopts her as his daughter. Being accustomed to write well in English he was doubtless somewhat ashamed to show his imperfect knowledge of French. Hopes he may never leave France. The thought of such a possibility saddens her soul. If the American people consulted their own interests they would leave Franklin in Paris. What friendship means to her. Asks him not to forget so often that he is her father. Reminds him how evil reports are circulated. People are judged by their outward acts, not by their intentions. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 115.**

From **Mlles. de Cambray.** [1784?]

Ask Franklin's intervention in favor of Chevalier de Cambray, Lieutenant-Colonel of artillery, who was taken prisoner at Charleston. Recall his distinguished services in America for which he received a special medal. Is now without funds, although a large amount of pay is due him. Went to America under the auspices of Franklin. Was recommended by Mmes. de Boulainvilliers and [De] Tonnerre. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 255.**

From [**Le Ray**] **de Chaumont.** [1784?]

Requests Franklin to ask his grandson to procure information for him about the best machinery used in England for cotton spinning and samples of the work turned out. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 144.**

From [**Marquis de Condorcet.** *Circa* 1784.]

Report that Franklin desires to send to America workmen skilled in coining; mentions one young man highly recommended by M. Fauchet. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 132a.**

From **H[enry] Dagge.** [*Circa* 1784. Paris.]

Offering Franklin a safe opportunity for sending a letter to London. **XLI, 49.**

From **Henry Dagge.** [1784.] Paris.

Setting out for London the next day; promises to send him a memoir about the Ohio business; Mr. [Thomas] Walpole's desire to converse with Franklin on this subject. Wishes to be useful to Franklin's grandson on his arrival in London. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 14.**

From **The Bishop of Derry, Sir Patrick Betlen and Mr. French.** [*Circa* 1784.] Paris.

Asking for a passsport from Ostend to Dover. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXIV, 108b.**

From **Captain** [**James**] **Gambier.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Wishes Franklin's opinion about a man who was recommended by Commodore Robinson as a fit person to take care of a lighthouse. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 188.**

From **Denis Germain Gien.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Petition relative to his claim against an American named [J.] Schaffer for food and clothing furnished to the latter while he was in prison in Paris. Mem. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 45.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Asks him to loan her the last volume of Philosophical Transactions in which there is an article about the earthquakes in Calabria. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 184.**

From **Comtesse de Golofkin.** [1784.]

Returns book lent. Requests him to send her the volume of Philosophical Transactions for year 1783. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 178.**

From **Mme. Helvétius.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Inviting Franklin to dine and hear some music. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 115.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** [1784?] Versailles.

Defends Mesmer, accuses [Charles] Deslon of treachery and calls upon Franklin as one of the Commissioners to see justice done. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLII, 138.**

From **M. Laneufville de St. Firmin.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Particulars of a voyage he made from Bordeaux to the coast of Guinea and San Domingo in 1783. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 133a.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [1784?]

Experiments with balloons in England; expected departure of the Lyons balloon; the *Academie des Sciences* deputed by the Government to work towards perfecting balloons; some of his own reflections. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 163.**

From **The Ambassador of Malta.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Regretting that he is unable to hold the Assembly at his house owing to the death of his mother. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 13b.**

From ——— **Negroni.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Gave lessons in Italian to Franklin's grandson; reduced by illness to a state of dire necessity; begs for aid. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 44.**

From **Matt[he]w Ridley.** [*Circa* 1784.] Sunday. Paris.

Enclosing an extract of a letter from S[amuel] Chase containing the latest tidings from America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 74.**

From **Mrs. [Matthew] Ridley.** [*Circa* 1784.] Paris.

Request for a pass. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXIV, 115.**

From **Matthew Ridley.** [*Circa* 1784.]

List of household goods, linen, personal effects, etc., which he wishes to send from Paris to the United States and for which he asks a permit. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVI(ii), 14.**

From **L'Ab[bé] du Rouzeau, Secretary.** [*Circa* 1784. Paris.]

Resolutions at a meeting of the Masons, concerning the honors to be paid to Franklin's bust. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 66.**

From **The Ambassador of Sweden.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Wishes to have translated into French the book lent to him by Franklin describing a journey through North America. Can not get another copy in Paris. Would take six weeks to get one from London. Asks Dr. Franklin to lend his copy. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 123.**

From **[Michel Augustin] Thouret.** [*Circa* 1784. Paris.]

Sending Franklin a copy of his work on Animal Magnetism. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 10.**

From **Jo[h]n Viny.** [*Circa* 1784. London.]

Has sent the wheels for Dr. Franklin's carriage. Account of a subscription in his behalf. Accompanied by a note from M[ary] H[ewson] saying she would be glad to take charge of Dr. Franklin's grandson. A. L. S. 4 p. **XLII, 54.**

From **Count François Antoine del Medico[?].**

[*Circa* 1784.] Carrara (Italy).

Is the owner of the finest quarries of marble for statues, etc. Offers to supply the United States. Would execute statues or monuments from a drawing or design which Franklin could send him. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 48.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1784.]

Remedy for calculus and gravel in the bladder. Ingredients of which it is composed. How it should be prepared and directions for taking it. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 56.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1784.]

Remedy for stone and gravel in the bladder used by M. Rollin, of Versailles, an attaché at the Court. Mem. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 17.**

From **H. Fizeaux & Co.** 1785. January 1. Amsterdam.

Announcing certain changes in the firm. Concerning the interest due them on the loan made to the United States. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 1.**

From **Vassan, Marquise de Mirabeau.** 1785. January 1. Paris.

Good wishes for the New Year. Asks his protection for a young printer named Bourgain who desires to go to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. If he can pay for his passage and obtain a passport, he can easily cross by the packet-boat from l'Orient; not in his power to send people to America, but will recommend him for a position there. **XXXIII, 2.**

From **Baron de Gonneville.** 1785. January 1. Paris.

Good wishes for the New Year. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 3.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, [Jr.].** 1785. January 2. St. Germain.

Announcng the birth of a daughter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 151.**

From ——— **de Mayers.** 1785. January 2. Paris.

Desiring to know at what bookseller's he can find a collection of the American Constitutions. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 4.**

From **Pierre du Calvet.** 1785. January 4. London.

Insists that Franklin promised to send copies of his papers to Congress with a recommendation, and thanks him for his second promise to assist him; if the payment of the debt cannot be effected in Paris, begs to know of it; supposes he must take back his papers from Mr. Lambert and send a power of attorney to some one in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 5.**

From ——— **de Legall.** 1785. January 11. Paris.

Three years ago sent him a ms. entitled—*Discours sur cette question: Quel est le meilleur des Gouvernements,* with the idea that he might present it to Congress; begs to know what has become of it; encloses a paper. Comparing Franklin to Tarquin. [4 p.] A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 6.**

From **Georgiana [Shipley] Hare.**
1785. January 12. Aix-la-Chapelle.

By his father's unjust conduct, Mr. Hare's expectations are so much reduced that they cannot afford to live in England; their determination to go to America; asks Franklin's advice as to the most desirable part of Pennsylvania in which to settle, and as to the best profession for a gentleman like her husband to follow; advisability of his taking up law. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 7.**

From **Chevalière D'Eon de Beaumont.** 1785. January 14. Paris.

Introducing M. [Ambroise] Falconet, an attorney of high repute, and her particular friend. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 8.**

From **M[arqu]is de Chabert.** 1785. January 14. Paris.

Before sending to the printer the volume of the history of the Academy of Sciences for 1783, desires to read to Franklin one of the papers which he believes will interest him; begs him to appoint the time; will bring his brother-in-law, President Tascher. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 9.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1785. January 14. Vienna.

Hoped that Franklin would be able to devote the remainder of his days to philosophical leisure; hopes to hear from him before the threatened

war between France and the Emperor breaks out and puts an end to their correspondence; laments the fate of his country and of mankind. His book, *Mélanges de Physique et de Médecine,* dedicated to Franklin, not yet published; the German translation is in its second edition; finds this very provoking. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 10.**

From ——— ———. 1785. January 14.

The first year's interest on the contracts given to French officers who had served in the United States during the recent war has been paid by the American Government. Although the debt was a most sacred one, thinks this punctuality in meeting its obligations reflects great credit on the new Republic and is a good augury for the future. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LV, 98.**

From **Armand, M[ar]q[u]is de la Rouarie.** 1785. January 15. Paris.

Their desire to publish the enclosed papers in order to impress upon their countrymen the gratitude and respect due America for her punctilious observance of her engagement with France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 12.**

From **The Author of the Development [of Reason].** 1785. January 15. [Postmarked "Pontablier."]

Has received a little volume containing the observations of Abbé de Mably on the different Constitutions of the United States. Thinks he is not critical enough and glosses over the defects and errors in these constitutions. Has embodied his own remarks on Abbé de Mably's work and on the principal constitutions in a volume which he will send to a friend at The Hague. Franklin can get a copy of it from there. Is obliged to conceal his identity for the time being. Has been engaged for a number of years on another work, "The Development of Reason," which is about to be published at The Hague or Paris. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 67.**

From **James Erwin.** 1785. January 17. Mogador, Morocco.

Capture of his vessel [brig "Betsy"] by one of the cruisers of the Emperor of Morocco, who refuses to grant their release until the appearance of an Ambassador from the United States; begs Franklin to interfere on their behalf. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 13.**

From ——— **Beyer.** 1785. January 17. Paris.

Has been invited to exhibit his invention at the next meeting of the Academy; feels sure that Franklin will be interested in the opinions expressed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 14.**

From **H. Fizeaux & Co.** 1785. January 20. Amsterdam.

Concerning a bale of books which Franklin desires forwarded to Mr. Thompson at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 15.**

From **John Walter.** 1785. January 23. London.

Desiring to know by what conveyance he shall send certain books issued from his press, which were ordered for Franklin by his grandson. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 16.**

From ——— **Archambault.** 1785. January 25. Paris.

Desiring information concerning his wife's uncle, M. Mottin de la Balme, who fought in the American army with the rank of Colonel, and was afterwards appointed by General Washington, Inspector-General of Cavalry. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Knows nothing of the gentleman's whereabouts; advises applying to the Marquis de la Fayette or writing to M. [Pierre François Barbé] de Marbois, French Consul at Philadelphia. **XXXIII, 17.**

From **William Reiser.** 1785. January 29. Hanau.

Hears that Franklin sent vines and vine-growers to America, thought there might be some chance for a Lutheran clergyman; offers his services. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 18.**

From **Le Bouvyer Desmortiers.** 1785. January 31. Paris.

Commissioned by his brother-in-law, M. Bidé de Chavagne, to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr. [John] Adams and send him a letter by a safe conveyance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 19.**

From **Soeur Marie du St. Esprit.** 1785. January. Paris.

Reiterating her expressions of gratitude and her prayers for his future happiness and success; begs him to remember their present necessities. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 20.**

From **The Philadelphia Contributionship for the Ensurance of Houses, &c., from Loss by Fire.** 1785. February 1. Philadelphia.

Policy of insurance on his house, on High Street, for £200. Printed. D. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 14.**

From **Johann Wilhelm Barth.** 1785. February 1. Edenkoben.

Concerning estate of Jacob Schuster. Georg Wack, stocking weaver in Philadelphia, announced Schuster's death. Refers to an attest sent to Dr. Franklin on March 1, 1784. Requests information. A. L. S. 2 p. (In German.) **LIX, 30.**

From **Grandjean de Flevy.** 1785. February 5. Paris.

Asking assistance to recover eight guineas from Mr. John Carter, of Providence, who promised to hold the money until the lawful owner should be found; has discovered and advanced him the eight guineas. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 23.**

From [**Mme.**] **de Gravellines Düeil.** 1785. February 6. Paris.

Requesting orders for wine. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 21.**

From [**Esprit Antoine**] **Gibelin.** 1785. February 7. Paris.

At M. Brogniart's request designed the medal struck by order of Franklin for the United States; proposes to collect the designs of all the medals struck in commemoration of the late war; to have them engraved and write a short history of each; mentions the medals known to him: begs for information of any others, and an audience to discuss his plan in detail. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 22.**

From ——— **Fournier, le jeune.** 1785. February 8. Paris.

Asks help in sending some type and books to America by a sure hand; begs leave to dine with Franklin the following day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 24.**

From [**Charles**] **Williamos.** 1785. February 9. Paris.

Promising to wait upon him the following Monday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 25.**

From **Comte de Windisch-Grätz.** 1785. February 9. Brussels.

Sent him copies in German and in Latin of a solution of a problem which he hopes will interest him; begs him to distribute them in America; though the book is published anonymously, will not conceal his real name from Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIII, 26.

From **Pierre Vernier.** 1785. February 10. Lyons.

Asking his advice relative to Pennsylvania bonds, for which payment, with interest, was due in 1783; his letters to Philadelphia on the subject have received no reply. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIII, 27.

From ——— **Fournier le jeune.** 1785. February 10. Paris.

Wishes to know how he can prevent Franklin's new kind of fireplace from smoking. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 28.**

From **Marquis de Ponçins.** 1785. February 12. Paris.

Refers to the offer made by his relative, le Chevalier de Montorcier, to raise a body of troops and workmen for the United States; offers his own services; proposes to form a company, with the consent of Congress, to survey all the lands in the United States and render a complete report of their location and soil, and their commercial and financial possibilities; this will attract a great quantity of settlers; sends Franklin his book on agriculture. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Chevalier de Montorcier's offer came too late, peace having been declared and the troops disbanded; appreciates both offers; highly commends his book, which he will place in the public Library [Company] of Philadelphia; thinks his scheme is impracticable at present, owing to the vast extent of America and the jealousy of the savages. **XXXIII, 29.**

From ——— [de] **Laumoy.** 1785. February 13. Paris.

Letters received by Messrs. Duportail, Gouvion and himself, from M. [Pierre François Barbé] de Marbois, French Consul at Philadelphia, stating that the new certificates of the sums owing them by Congress have been sent to France where the interest will be paid in future by M. [Ferdinand] Grand; desires any information on this subject which Franklin may possess. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)
XXXIII, 30.

From ——— **Delacolonge.** 1785. February 14. Lyons.

Has decided to sell his foundry; writes so that Franklin may engage an agent, should he wish to buy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 31.**

From **M. and Mme. de la Fayette.** 1785. February 15. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 32.**

From ——— **Michel.** 1785. February 16. Havre.

Arrival of the "Arethusa," from Baltimore, commanded by Captain Butler, having on board a young woman who, in man's clothes, he engaged in good faith as a green hand; informed that she is madly in love with the second Captain of the "Arethusa" and that her character is far from admirable; awaits Franklin's orders as well as reimbursement for money expended. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 33.**

From **Marquis de Ponçins.** 1785. February 21. Paris.

Emboldened by Franklin's approval of his work on agriculture; sends him his pamphlet on education. Desires his advice as to the best means of investing his small capital; asks permission to discuss this matter in a personal interview. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 34.**

From [**Philippe Denis**] **Pierres.** 1785. February 21. Paris.

Reminding Franklin of his promise to tell him when the letter-press model arrives from England; appoints a day to see it and to dine with Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 34½.**

From ——— **Benoist.** 1785. February 22. Paris.

Sends some verses to be written under the portrait of the Marquis de la Fayette. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 35.**

From ——— **La Grave.** 1785. February 22. Paris.

Taken prisoner several times during his unfortunate voyages to America; lost everything he possessed; has nothing left but three paper dollars which are worthless, unless Franklin will take them off his hands. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 36.**

From ——— **Brémoutier.** 1785. February 23. Paris.

Has heard of Franklin being afflicted with the stone; begs him to see M. Fonteneau who knows of a wonderful and simple remedy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Thanks him for his kind attention; so many solvents recommended to him have proved ineffectual that he has little hope left, but will be glad to see M. Fonteneau. **XXXIII, 37.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1785. February 25. Paris.

Has forwarded the desired passport. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 39.**

From [**Frédéric Melchior,**] **Baron de Grimm.** 1785. February 28. Paris.

Recommending M. Landolt, of Zürich, and his mentor, Canon Neckerman, of Coblentz, who cannot bear to quit France without paying their respects to Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 40.**

From **J. S. Blauquet.** 1785. March 1. Paris.

Abandoned by his parents owing to his refusal to enter the Church; has both taste and talent for poetry and has written two plays; implores Franklin to be a second father to him and put him in the way of a congenial occupation. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 41.**

From **Thomas Jefferson** *to* **Messrs. Franklin and Adams.** 1785. March 1. Paris.

Sending his notes on the treaty with Prussia as well as the Prussian propositions; expects to meet them Thursday at Passy to discuss the question. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 42.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1785. March 1. London.

A sketch of Benjamin Franklin's life with a request to be informed of any inaccuracy; his friend, M. des Genettes, will wait on Franklin and receive his commands. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 43.**

From **James Partridge.** 1785. March 3. Paris.

Promising to deliver the package and Governor Pownall's letter to Mrs. [Amelia] Barry; if he can be of any service in Italy, begs Franklin to call upon him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 44.**

From **Webster Blount.** 1785. March 4. Mogador.

Steps to obtain, from the Emperor [of Morocco], the release of the American vessel and her cargo; His Majesty's failure so far to receive any word from America concerning the peace; his wish however to conclude a treaty of commerce and friendship with them; as soon as an American Ambassador shall arrive, the vessel will be released. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 45.**

From **Perros de Cheselles[?].** 1785. March 4. Paris.

Sending a memoir on behalf of ten Americans who claim his protection. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 46.**

From **Pierre Bon de Corcelles.** 1785. March 5. Aire en Artois.

Has decided to visit London before sailing for America; reminds Franklin of the promised recommendations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 47.**

From **Lorenzo Manini.** 1785. March 8. Cremona.

Has marked his appreciation of Franklin's goodness by making the translation himself; the Constitution will have its turn as soon as it arrives. Commissioned by the author of the *Lettres Americaines* to express his appreciation of Franklin's good opinion. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 48.**

From **John Jay.** 1785. March 8. Office for Foreign Affairs.

Introducing Paul Randall to Franklin's friendly attention; sends by him a package of green (bayberry) wax for Madame de Chalut. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 49.**

From **Count de Florida Blanca.** 1785. March 9.

Denies both the accuracy and truthfulness of Mr. Pollock's account sent to Congress of the evil treatment he and other Americans experienced in Havana; the real cause of their arrest was smuggling

to which some of them actually confessed; no information has been received concerning the other charge that Americans who were creditors of the Royal Treasury were ejected from the Plaza of Havana; if it is true, the King [of Spain] will order reparation made and satisfaction given. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Spanish.) **XXXIII, 50.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. March 14. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 52.**

From [**Jean Baptiste Artur**] **De Vermonnet.** 1785. March 15. St. Germain.

Reminding him of a letter from Madame de Perdrige, of Boston, which he had the honor to send him in 1783; desires to pay his respects to Franklin not only as a former French officer, but as an American officer married at Boston to the granddaughter of Col. Downe. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 53.**

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1785. March 15. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from M. [Pierre du] Calvet, whose case he promised to recommend to Franklin; hopes a Committee has been appointed to consider the claims of those Canadians who assisted the Americans and were never paid. Suggests sending to America a duplicate of the Convention respecting consuls. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 54.**

From [**Pierre François**] **Chevallié.** 1785. March 17. Rochefort.

Losses he has sustained owing to the delay in the payment of the debt due him by the State of Virginia; intends sending his only son, aged twenty, to America to plead his cause; begs for letters of recommendation. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 55.**

From ——— **Helmon.** 1785. March 20.

Writes on behalf of his brother whose claim is just, as may be seen from the enclosed memoir; begs him to obtain from the Minister the favor granted by the King to those who serve the State. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 56.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** 1785. March 22. London.

Introducing Mr. Perry, a great ship-builder, who desires Franklin's advice about placing his sons in France for a few months. English politics; Mr. [William] Pitt's attitude towards Ireland; his taxes on manufacturers. Dr. [Richard] Price's abridged translation of the *Testament* of M. Fortuné Ricard; reasons for thinking it will do good. Several schemes for reducing the national debt submitted by Dr. Price to Mr. Pitt on condition that he examine them himself. Sends him a second bottle of [Alexander] Blackrie's Lixivium. A. L. 4 p.
XXXIII, 57.

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1785. March 22.

Concerning his application for a passage for Dr. Franklin.
XXXVIII, 152.

From **Chevalier de la Luzerne.** 1785. March 23. Paris.

Introducing Messrs. Joseph Combes and d'Ejean, rich merchants of Languedoc, who intend establishing a commercial house in America; advantage of such a trade; recommends them to Franklin's kindness and protection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 58.**

From **[F.] Deumié Groc.** 1785. March 23. L'Orient.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 25th ult., together with other papers relative to his vessel "L'Aimable Elizabeth"; wishes to send him more documents in order that he may get at the root of the matter; the sailors of the "Nancy" accused of taking away many things from the French ships; begs Franklin to continue assisting him in this unfortunate affair. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 61.**

From **Jean Frederic Laurens.** 1785. March 24. Treptow(on-the-Riga).

Requesting him to send the enclosed letter to Henry Laurens, former President of Congress. Takes a keen interest in Franklin's philosophical work. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 59.**

From **Pierre Bon de Corcelles.** 1785. March 25. London.

Expects to sail for Philadelphia in three weeks, on board the ship "Eagle"; begs Franklin to forward to London the desired letter of recommendation. Lacks the money necessary to pay his passage, and the time to procure it from home; begs Franklin to assist him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 62.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1785. March 29. Madrid.

Never received Franklin's favor of Nov. 24, 1784, until the 25th inst.; complaints he has made to the post-office. Letters he has written to the Count de Florida Blanca in favor of several Americans at Havana who complain of the oppression and injustice of the Spanish Governor; has received no satisfactory reply. Court ceremonies he has attended; marriage of the Infanta; necessary expenses of his life in Spain; has been obliged to spend his savings; desires Franklin's advice about writing to Congress on this subject. Question of America forming a defensive alliance with Genoa and Venice against the piratical states. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 64.**

From **[Mme.] ——— D'orbelin.** 1785. March 29. Paris.

Storm of jealousy aroused by her successful experiments with mercury; assertion of her rivals that the fixation of mercury is a chimerical project; applies to Franklin, who witnessed her experiment, for a testimonial of her work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 65.**

From **Abbé [Joseph André] Brun.** 1785. March 30. Paris.

Copies of *Le Triomphe du Nouveau Monde* which Franklin promised to send to their destination; begs him to open the second volume and examine the loose leaves; these could not be made a part of the volume without compromising the author. Dissertation on marriage and divorce. [7 p.] A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 66.**

From **[Charles] Williamos.** 1785. March 31. Paris.

Sending Franklin two spermacetti candles, the only ones he has left. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 67.**

From **Comte de Windisch-Grätz.** 1785. April 1. Brussels.

Expects to visit Paris shortly; looks forward with the greatest eagerness to making his acquaintance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 68.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1785. April 4. Madrid.

No further news from Morocco; rumor that Spain is to send an Ambassador Extraordinary with presents to the Emperor; report that the negotiations for peace with the privateers of Algiers have proved

unsuccessful. Death of Mr. [James] Hartwell at a moment when he would certainly have had his liberty. Sends him the work of Bayer. Begs for a bust of Dr. Franklin. Prospect of Dr. Franklin returning to America. Desires to know whether Congress has done justice to his namesake. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 69.**

From **Viel de St. Maux.** 1785. April 5. Paris.

Sent Franklin his *Lettres sur l'Architecture;* desires a copy sent to the [American Philosophical] Society at Philadelphia, as a token of his regard; expects to publish more of his researches in the progress of science and art; would be glad to enter into a correspondence with the Society on this subject. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 70.**

From ——— **Brevost.** 1785. April 5. Paris.

Announcement of the next meeting of the *Maison Philantropique.* Printed L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 71.**

From [**Mme.**] ——— **D'orbelin.** 1785. April 5. Paris.

Depressed by Franklin's silence; begs for the loan of twenty-five louis, which she promises to repay in three months. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 72.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. April 5. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 73.**

From ——— **Beyer.** 1785. April 6. Paris.

His promise to give a name to the instrument he has constructed; sends him a small snuff-box which he has made for him as a token of his regard. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 74.**

From ——— ———. 1785. April 8. Malago.

A proclamation has been issued for assembling the seamen belonging to the district for the purpose of manning the gunboats. The Emperor of Morocco, it is said, is to join the expedition with an army headed by Spanish officers. The three Spanish garrisons, Melillo, Penon, and Athusemas, are to be ceded to His Majesty and an exclusive trade to Barbary with Spain is to result from the alliance. Generals mentioned for the naval command, and land forces. L. 2 p. **XLIV, 72.**

From ——— **Jalheau.** 1785. April 8. Paris.

His parents unable to assist him further in his medical studies; desires, with Franklin's help, to go to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 75.**

From **W[illiam] Vernon, Jr.** 1785. April 12. Paris.

An order to Dr. Franklin on his father for 840 livres. D. S. 1 p. **XLV, 204a.**

From ——— **Anisson, le fils.** 1785. April 13. Paris.

His hope of becoming a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences; his efforts and his successes in improving the art of printing; desires to place before the Society a new invention for preparing printed paper. A. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 76.**

From [**John**] **Adams.** 1785. April 13. Auteuil.

Thanking Franklin for his information of the packet's arrival; as yet has received no letters, public or private. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 77.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1785. April 13. Paris.

Sends several classics, as well as a copy of a bill of exchange for his endorsement. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 77½.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1785. April 15. Madrid.

Steps taken for the release of the American vessel held at Morocco; Mr. Harrison's application for money to relieve their distresses. Treaty to be concluded between the Court of Spain and the Emperor of Morocco. The Princess of Brazil to set out shortly for Portugal. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 78.**

From **John Jones.** 1785. April 15. Philadelphia.

His high opinion of the utility of bathing; his plan to have a building erected in which different kinds of baths may be commodiously united; desires Franklin's opinion of the Russian vapor baths, as described in a paper by Dr. Sanchez. Wishes America would make a wise use of the advantages procured for her by Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 79.**

From ——— **Brevost.** 1785. April 18. Paris.

Announcement of a meeting of the *Maison Philantropique.* Printed N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 80.**

From **David Barclay.** 1785. April 19. London.

Glad of this opportunity to inquire after Franklin's health; the bearer is his worthy young friend, Benjamin Chew. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 81.**

From [**Mme.**] **Melin Dutartre.** 1785. April 19.

Reproaches him with forgetting her; for his penance demands a letter of recommendation to the President of Congress on behalf of the Comte de Poloresky and his brother, who desire a small grant of land in New Hampshire; the Marquis de la Fayette has given them two letters, but Franklin's is absolutely necessary. Refers to his friendship with Mme. Brillon. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 82.**

From **Jean Rousseau.** 1785. April 19. London.

No answer to his letter of December 24th; his situation more unfortunate than ever; in need of Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 83.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. April 19. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 84.**

From [**Mme.**] **de Beauvilliers.** 1785. April 21. Passy.

Has supported herself by keeping a pension; begs Franklin to lend her sixteen louis, which she will repay in a year. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 85.**

From **N. Baudin.** 1785. April 21. Nantes.

Informed that Congress has established an order of chivalry as a recompense to those who have served America with honor and distinction; sets forth his claims to this Order of Cincinnatus. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. The gentleman has been misinformed; the Order of Cincinnatus is a mere convention among the officers of the American army, not approved of by any Government; has therefore no concern with it. **XXXIII, 86.**

From **Benj[ami]n Vaughan.** 1785. April 21. London.

Introducing Mr. [Charles] Long, Jr., whose father wrote the late history of Jamaica; Doctors [Richard] Price and [Joseph] Priestley have just dined with him; talked of Franklin and America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 87.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1785. April 22. Paris.

Sends the letter from the Inspector of Customs, who will forward the press ordered for the Royal Printing-House. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 88.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1785. April 23. London.

Apologizing for the memoirs [of Dr. Fothergill] he sent Franklin, which are unworthy of their subject; difficulties in the way of his writing a more complete history. Reflections on the new spirit pervading Europe; the growing belief that freedom and independence are the true springs of industry and enterprise; the possible establishment in the future of a perfect Government. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 89.**

From **François Steinsky.** 1785. April 24. Prague.

Sends him his volume of hymns and several papers on different subjects. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 90.**

From [**Antoine Alexis François**] **Cadet de Vaux.** 1785. April 25. Paris.

Wishes Franklin to see his article on Indian corn before it is published. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 91.**

From **Tho[ma]s Thompson.** 1785. April 27. Dover.

Glad he is pleased with the delivery of his newspapers; thinks M. Mouron, of Calais, would appreciate a line of approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 92.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1785. May 1. London.

Writes on behalf of the children of the late Lord Templeto[w]n, who desire to lay claim to twenty thousand acres of land belonging to their father, situated on the Susquehannah; will be much obliged for Franklin's advice and assistance; sends a letter on this subject [1 p.]

which he begs may be forwarded to Mr. [John] Jay in America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 93.**

From ——— **Trinquesse.** 1785. May 3. Paris.

Begs Franklin's assistance in recovering from his lodger, M. [William] Vernon, [Jr.], the rent for the last eighteen months; wishes to avoid calling in the police. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 94.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. May 3. Paris.

Invitation for dinner. Engraved N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 95.**

From ——— **Delivet.** 1785. May 4. Paris.

Desires permission from the Marquis de Castries to print a prospectus of the equipment he wishes to send to Chesapeake Bay; the cargo he sent to Baltimore the previous year proved a great loss owing to the ignorance of the merchants as to the kind of goods in demand; thinks the prospectus will obviate this difficulty; begs Franklin's influence with the Minister. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 96.**

From **T[homas] Viny.** 1785. May 6. Tenterden.

Letter received from his son, Joseph Viny, concerning his endeavors to turn to account the "bent felloe-wheel"; splendid assistance of a man named Ovenden; good prospect of success; desire of Ovenden to make a trial with the wheel at Paris in connection with Joseph's younger brother; asks Franklin's advice. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 97.**

From **John Walter.** 1785. May 7. London.

Describes the alterations he has made in the founts; heavy expenses attending this work; possibility of his receiving a gratuity for this improvement from the Court of France; names of books he is printing. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 98.**

From ——— **Laugier.** 1785. May 7. Paris.

Sending Franklin two copies of his pamphlet, one for himself and the other for the principal academy in the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 74.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. May 7. London.

Prevented by his wife's illness from paying Franklin's grandson the attention he would have wished; sorrow for the loss of his wife.

Letters received from Mr. [Henry] Laurens, who is busy collecting and arranging the crumbs the British troops have left him. His own estate in North Carolina to be confiscated unless some weighty interference takes place; hardly likes to ask such a favor of Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p.

XXXIII, 99.

From **John Bondfield.** 1785. May 7. Bordeaux.

Arrival of the bust [of Dr. Franklin, for Sir Edward Newenham] which was put on board the "City of Dublin." A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXIII, 100.

From ——— **Brevost.** 1785. May 9. Paris.

Announcing a meeting of the *Maison Philantropique*. Printed N. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 101.**

From **Maréchal de Castries.** 1785. May 9. Versailles.

Concerning Mr. [William] Bingham, Agent for the United States at Martinique, being obliged to borrow from the French Government to meet the demands of American vessels; informed that this money has been refunded by Congress, but the debt to France is still unpaid; desires Franklin to take whatever measures he deems proper in this affair. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 102.**

From ——— **Guillot.** 1785. May 10. Paris.

Begging for a five minutes' audience in the interest of the United States. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 103.**

From [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1785. May 11.

Sending permit to enable Dr. Franklin to get Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's English printing-press out of the custom house. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 104.**

From **J. Grubb.** 1785. May 11. L'Orient.

Mr. [Thomas] Barclay too ill at present to write; hopes in a few days to be able to set out for Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 105.**

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1785. May 12. Aranjuez.

Enclosing the last advices received from Morocco; necessity of temporizing with the Prince until the sentiments of Congress are fully ex-

plained. Answer received to his letter to Congress respecting M. [Diego de] Gardoqui's mission; his conduct in this business approved. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 106.**

From **[Jonathan Williams, Jr.].** 1785. May 12. London.

Account of his business dealings with M. Renouard; refuses to admit him as his creditor. Glad that Franklin has gotten his release; question of his going home. Detained by pursuit of his debtor, Mr. [Philip] Moore. Commissions executed and people seen. Critical attitude of England towards America; fails to see her own faults. [Incomplete.] A. L. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 153.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1785. May 12. The Hague.

Hears that Franklin has obtained his recall; congratulations for his past work and good wishes for his future health and happiness. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 228.**

From **The New York Society for Promoting Useful Knowledge.** 1785. May 13. New York.

Advising Franklin of his being chosen a member of the Society. A. L. S. Samuel Bard, Sec[retar]y. 1 p. **XXXIII, 107.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1785. May 14. London.

Late aerostatic experiments in England; [Vincenzo] Lunardi's failure; [François] Blanchard has all the honors. Sir John Cambridge's assertion as to the rate at which a coal barge descends a stream, without sails or oars, in a dead calm. Account of the extremely youthful behavior of old General [James Edward] Oglethorpe. Saw at a bookseller's a translation of Cicero on Old Age with Dr. Franklin's name and picture on the title page; desires to know if he is really the author? Commissions executed. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXVIII, 154.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1785. May 15. London.

Explains why Mr. Orillard's memoir is falsely stated. Obliged to treat Mr. Gavrelle like all his other creditors. Information concerning Franklin's proposed passage to America. Obliged to go to Ireland in pursuit of [Philip] Moore. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 155.**

From **Rich[ar]d Frankland.** 1785. May 17. Dublin.

Introducing Mr. David Franks who goes to America on a visit to his uncle Mr. Carrol McNamara, of Virginia; Franklin's countenance and advice will be of the most essential service to him. Promises to show every courtesy in his power to any of Franklin's friends passing through Ireland. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 108.**

From [**Mme.**] ——— **D'orbelin.** 1785. May 18. Paris.

Begs for an audience to prove the possibility of rendering mercury a fusible metal. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 109.**

From [**Charles Louis**] **L'Héritier** [**de Brutelle**]. 1785. May 19. Paris.

Sending two copies of his work on Botany, one for Congress, the other for the [American] Philosophical Society at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 110.**

From **James Freeman.** 1785. May 20. Rotterdam.

Introduced to Franklin by his wife's uncle, Dr. [John] Fothergill. Recommends Dr. [Solomon] Drown who is travelling through England and France with a view of learning anything new in physick; begs Franklin to overlook the shabbiness of the Doctor's apparel and assist him in any way possible. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 111.**

From ——— **Brevost.** 1785. May 23. Paris.

Announcing a meeting of the *Maison Philantropique.* Printed N. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 113.**

From **Dr. Tho[mas] Percival.** 1785. May 23. Manchester.

Franklin's election to their [Manchester Literary and] Philosophical Society. His tract on the *Perceptive Powers of Vegetables.* Franklin's flattering reception of his *Moral and Literary Dissertations.* Praise for Bishop Watson's tracts on the *Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion.* Prospect of Franklin's revisiting England. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 114.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 180; Bigelow, IX, 120).

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1785. May 25. Vienna.

His grief at hearing of Franklin's approaching departure. Bewails his money-losses. Sends two volumes of his *Miscellanies* in German for the [American] Philosophical Society; refers him to Le Bègue [de Presle] for two copies of the French work, dedicated to him; forwards copies of his dissertations on various subjects. Begs for late American newspapers. His desire to have all Franklin's philosophical papers. Thinks the scheme of M. Windisch-Grätz somewhat visionary. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 115.**

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1785. May 26. London.

Introducing the Reverend Mr. Robinson, Mr. Hill's particular friend and a gentleman of character; concerned about Franklin's health. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 116.**

From ——— **Defaÿ.** 1785. May 28. Orleans.

Desires to become a member of the Academy of Sciences; the previous year, sent them a work of his with a request to be made a corresponding member; since that time several vacancies have occurred; begs Franklin's influence on his behalf. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 117.**

From **Comtesse de Boufflers[-Rouvrel].** 1785. May 29.

Sending him the promised book, which she begs him to return after its perusal; hopes he has not forgotten her advice. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 118.**

From ——— **Coimet.** 1780, April, to 1785, May.

Account for postage paid on Franklin's letters and charges for messages, errands, etc. (In French.) 181 p. **LXIII, 44-111.**

From **[Fedinand] Grand.** [1785. *Circa* May.]

Asking Franklin to appoint the day and hour when he can see M. [Jean Antoine] Houdon, the sculptor, relative to Mr. George Washington's statue. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 163.**

From **Benjamin Vaughan.** [1785. *Circa* May.]

Attitude of England; thinks the West India intercourse is held out upon, to serve as a concession at treating; ministerial politics. Hopes to write Franklin again ere he sets sail. A. L. 4 p. **XL, 131.**

From **Rod[olp]h Valltravers.** 1785. June 1. Vienna.

Congratulating him on his long-wished for release from public duties. Reasons why Dr. Ingen Housz cannot accept Franklin's tempting offers to come to Philadelphia; no such obstacles in his own path; offers to accompany him. Translated into German Franklin's *Instructions to those who think of Settling in America,* but the censor would not permit its publication; desires to publish this and other papers in America, and devote his life to work of that kind. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 119.**

From **Lalive de la Briche.** 1785. June 1. Paris.

On applying to M. de la Ferté for the gondola, was informed of its sale the previous year. Shares with an entire nation the grief over Franklin's departure. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 120.**

From **Comte de Windisch-Grätz.** 1785. June 1. Brussels.

Congratulates himself on his interview with Franklin; packet forwarded to M. Ingen Housz. Offers his services in Belgium or Germany. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 121.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1785. June 3. Newington-Green.

Case of a person named Bourne, a broker of London, who suddenly absconded, leaving a wife and four children; report of his being seen in Paris; begs Franklin, if the occasion offers, to inform him of his family's distress. Sent him copies of his pamphlet on the American Revolution. Library for the town of Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 122.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 182; Bigelow, IX, 121).

From **J[ean] Holker.** 1785. June 3. Rouen.

Sending him a remedy which has been known to have wonderful results. Desires to know when Franklin will be in Rouen. Difficulties in the

way of getting out the box of books, which lies among unclaimed stuff in the warehouses of the Farmers-General. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 123.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1785. June 4. Dublin.

Arrival of the bust [of Dr. Franklin] in perfect condition; his and Lady Newenham's affectionate appreciation of such a gift. His trip to America postponed. Account of his proposed expedition in a balloon together with his eldest son and Mr. Potain; their intention to cross the Irish Channel; the whole affair to be kept a profound secret; their purpose to ascend masked and in fancy dress; if they succeed, they may possibly proceed to Paris; chance of his making food for the fishes; death has no terror for him. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 124.**

From **James Jarvis.** 1785. June 5. Amsterdam.

If Franklin approves of the American ship spoken of, will make his proposals to the Captain. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 125.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1785. June 5. Newington-Green.

Begging him to render every assistance to Mrs. Bourne's brother, who has gone to Paris to find Mr. Bourne. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 126.**

From ——— **Barthélemy.** 1785. June 6. London.

The Comte d'Adhémar being still at Bath for his health, Mr. [William] Bingham has sent the writer Franklin's letter; will be delighted to aid Mr. Bingham in any way possible. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 127.**

From ——— **de Chaunac, Comtesse d'Anterroches.**
1785. June 6. Puydarnac near Tulle.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind offer to carry a letter to her son; for ten years he has been absent in America; his unfortunate situation; good reports of his conduct and of his wife and children sent her by the Marquis de la Fayette and the Comte de la Luzerne; begs Franklin to return soon to France and bring back with him her son and his family. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 128.**

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. June 6. Paris.

Enclosing a memoir [2 p.] setting forth the claims of Dr. [Jean François] Coste to the Order of Cincinnatus; joins with the Marquis de Chastellux in wishing this proposal made through his friends, Doctors [John] Cochran and [James] Craik. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 129.**

From [**J.**] **Tahon.** 1785. June 8. Armentières.

Alarmed by the silence of his brother, who has lived in Boston for seventeen years, and who promised to return to France as soon as peace should be declared. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 130.**

From **Sam**[**uel**] **Potts.** 1785. June 10. General P[ost] O[ffice].

Sending his account for forwarding the newspapers; anxious to have news of his health. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 131.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Caffieri.** 1785. June 10. Paris.

His admiration for Franklin; in accordance with his request has made two busts of him in plaster-cast, which are ready to be shipped. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 132.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1785. June 11. Vienna.

Concerning the large sum of money placed by him in Mr. Samuel Wharton's hands; his hopes of making a small fortune, and his failure to receive one penny; encloses papers relative to this affair and begs for Franklin's advice and assistance; the best way to approach Mr. Wharton. Refusal of the Emperor [of Austria] to allow him to go to Paris; disappointed at not seeing Franklin once again. Begs for three papers published by Franklin in Paris: his *Letter to the Abbé Soulavie, Conjectures on the Universal Dry Fog,* and *General Ideas on Heat, Light, etc.* Mr. Wharton's promise to deliver his English book on *Vegetables* to the [American] Philosophical Society. Desires a recommendation to Franklin's successor in Paris. Begs for a piece of green soap; precautions to be taken against its confiscation. Desires to be informed of his safe arrival in America. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 133.**

Enclosure. Acknowledgment of the receipt on February 29, 1780, by Samuel Wharton from Dr. John Ingen Housz, of 8000 livres

tournois, being the amount of his interest in several cargoes of merchandise which Mr. Wharton is sending to Philadelphia to be sold. Undertook another mercantile adventure with Mr. Wharton, Mr. [Francis] Coffyn, and Dr. [Edward] Bancroft. Mr. Wharton promised on his arrival in Philadelphia to send his remittances on account of this venture, through their common friend, Dr. Franklin, but has never written a single letter. On November 15, 1781, Mr. Coffyn wrote him that he had received from Mr. Wharton a remittance of 9,140 livres which he had kept for himself as a part of what he loaned to Mr. Wharton to complete his share in their joint undertaking. By another letter of May, 1782, Mr. Coffyn informed him of having received a second remittance of 19,140 livres, destined for their joint concern. Of this sum Mr. Coffyn took for himself the greater part, only sending to Dr. Ingen Housz 1,800 livres, pleading in excuse that he paid himself by it the remainder of what he had loaned to Mr. Wharton, or paid for him in their part of the venture. Mr. Coffyn received again in October, 1783, a remittance of 5,000 livres, of which he sent Dr. Ingen Housz 2,484 livres. Dr. Ingen Housz complained to Mr. Wharton of Coffyn's behavior, but got no answer. He received from Mr. Samuel Lewis Wharton, under date of July 9, 1783, 8,000 livres for his own account. Notwithstanding Mr. Coffyn's conduct he had lately endeavored to get Dr. Ingen Housz to join him in a letter of attorney to force Mr. Wharton to pay them what he owes, which he does not understand, as Mr. Coffyn had already paid himself much more than his share amounted to, and he refused to give the power of attorney. Dr. Ingen Housz received back the capital sum of 8,000 livres, laid out in a mercantile undertaking directed by Mr. Samuel Wharton, but the profits of the undertaking, which must have been considerable, is still owing to him. Of the sum of 12,691 livres employed in the venture directed by Mr. Coffyn, and near 1,000 livres paid afterwards for the expenses of transportation, he received only 3,284 livres, thus the greater part of the sum employed and all the profits are still owing to him. Mr. John Williams of Boston, under date of December 28, 1782, informed him that he had invested in his name in the Loan Office in Boston $7,000 at six per cent., also that he had another sum which he kept at Dr. Ingen Housz's disposal, for which he will pay him the same rate of interest as the Congress notes draw. Dr. Ingen Housz gave him orders to remit this sum with the interest on the Loan Office certificates, but he has never received an answer to this order. A. Mem. 4 p. **LV, 90.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1785. June 12. Boston.

Thinks the people of Franklin town need books more than a bell. Mrs. [Jane] Mecom setting out on a visit to Greenwich. Gratitude of Mr. Hartwell's friends. Reasons why he refused Thayer a letter to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 133½.**

From **Droüart de Givricourt.** 1785. June 14. Toul.

Has just heard of his approaching departure for America; begs Franklin to take him on board the same vessel that he may rejoin his wife in America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 134.**

From **[Jean Jacques] Caffieri.** 1785. June 15. Paris.

Franklin's busts await his commands; regrets his inability to wait upon him before his departure; would have offered to accompany him to America had he not been informed that Franklin was to take one of his confrères; could never think of supplanting any one. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 135.**

From **[Charles Eléonor] Dufriche de Valazé.** 1785. June 15. Genettes.

Wishing him a prosperous voyage; like the arrival of Mahommet at Medina, Franklin's arrival in America will mark the beginning of a new era; America's gain is their loss. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 136.**

From **Roger Duquêne.** 1785. June 16. Paris.

Has written to M. Boullogne at Havre, who promised to procure a proper inn in the town; his wish to receive seven or eight days' notice of Franklin's arrival together with the number of rooms and beds needed. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXVIII, 172.**

From **Dalzan de la Pierre.** 1785. June 16. Florac.

Offers to accompany him; for years has desired to go to America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 137.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1785. June 17. London.

Sent Franklin a small parcel of books by Mr. Solomon Drown to whom he gave a letter of recommendation; contents of the parcel: a volume of tracts against slavery; a volume of tracts on national defence, and a new work of his concerning a system of Government which he

desires the United States to adopt; strongly advises limitation of landed property; advocates the Church of England; suggests certain changes which could be made in the service with good results. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 138.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 207, Note).

From **Edward Bridgen.** 1785. June 17. London.

Informed of Franklin's intended departure from Havre in the July packet; desires to pay his last respects to him at that port. Expects also to see his ward, the eldest son of William Drayton, of South Carolina, now studying at Caen. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 139.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1785. June 17. Dublin.

Franklin's passage to America. Detained in Ireland; has been obliged to put Mr. Philip Moore in prison; Mr. [Thomas] Digges, who had so much of the prisoner's money, is also there; thinks him both fool and rogue. The Irish propositions the principal subject of conversation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 158.**

From **J[ohn] J[effries].** 1785. June 17. London.

Catastrophe befallen [Pilâtre] de Rozier; desires to take his place in presenting to the King of England the gold medals struck in France in honor of aerostatic improvements and discoveries. Transcribing copies of his aerial journal for certain friends. A. L. S. 5 p. **LVIII, 75.**

From ——— **de Felarme.** 1785. June 18. Paris.

Desires to lay before Franklin the plan of a commercial enterprise with the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 140.**

From [**Baron**] **Francis Maseres.** 1785. June 20. London.

Misfortunes brought on America and Great Britain by the war; regret at the separation of the two countries. Advocates the restoration to the loyalists of their confiscated estates. Hopes M. [Pierre] du Calvet will obtain the money due him from Congress. Concerning the diminution of the National Debt. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXXIII, 141.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 187).

From [**Charles Eléonor**] **Dufriche de Valazé.** 1785. June 21. Genettes.

Calls to memory Franklin's kind reception of his friend, M. de Cissay, who desires to embark on one of the two vessels fitted out by the King to sail around the world; M. de Cissay's willingness to go as a simple volunteer, though he is fitted to take his place as mineralogist, chemist or naturalist; begs Franklin's influence with the Marquis de Castries to obtain this favor. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 142.**

From **D**[**orcas**] **Montgomery.** 1785. June 23. Abbeville.

Account of her voyage from Philadelphia; news of the [Richard] Bache family. Her son a student at the College of Abbeville; hopes to see Franklin in America in August. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 143.**

From [**Fanny,**] **Comtesse de Beauharnois.** 1785. June 24. Paris.

Deprived of seeing Franklin for the last six months; has been in strict retirement owing to her husband's death; begs him to send a small packet to England for her, by a quick and trustworthy hand; also wishes a letter forwarded to London by the next courier. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 144.**

From **Schorndorst & Co.** 1785. June 25. Paris.

Concerning a bill of exchange drawn on Franklin; requesting an order on M. [Ferdinand] Grand for the money. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 145.**

From **Jona**[**than**] **Williams, Jr.** 1785. June 25. Dublin.

Concerning a fine new Philadelphia ship just arrived in port which he thinks would be the very thing for Dr. Franklin, both as to safety and convenience. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 159.**

From **J**[**ohn**] **Jeffries.** 1785. June 25. London.

Sending by Gov. [William] Franklin a manuscript copy of his two aerial voyages; promise of Sir Joseph Banks to read them before the [Royal] Society at its next meeting; begs Franklin therefore not to suffer any copy to be printed. In England has met with none of the honors heaped upon M. [François] Blanchard in France. Wishing him a prosperous voyage. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 146.**

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From **Alphonse Pellegrini.** 1785. June 26. Paris.

Desiring to become a professor of belles-lettres and foreign languages at Philadelphia; begs Franklin's acceptance of his little book, devised for the assistance of beginners in Italian. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 147.**

From [**Mme.**] **Perille de Pierlot.** 1785. June 26. Paris.

Enclosing a memoir [3 p.] of M. Jean Daste, owner of the ship "le Vernet" which was captured by the English on her return voyage from Charleston in 1778; afterwards retaken by an American ship, the "Boston," and carried into the port of Boston; sale of her cargo by the French Consul, who has retained the money in the name of the King; the Marquis de Castries willing to settle the affair, provided he receives authentic information of what took place at Boston; applies to Franklin for aid in this matter. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 148.**

From **Schorndorst & Co.** 1785. June 27. Paris.

Concerning the afore-mentioned bill of exchange, drawn to their order by Messrs. Schweighauser & Dobrée of Nantes. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)

A. E. by Franklin. Having received no word from Messrs. Schweighauser & Dobrée relative to this bill, cannot pay it until better informed. **XXXIII, 149.**

From **R[ichard] Jackson.** 1785. June 27. London.

Advocates a friendship between England and America. Possibility of rivalry between France and Great Britain in the East Indies. Enthusiastic over M. [Jacques] Necker's book [Administration des Finances]. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 150.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 195; Bigelow, IX, 136).

From **Fournier, le jeune.** 1785. June 28. Passy.

Desires to pay his respects to Franklin, if he will appoint a leisure moment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 151.**

From **T. Brand Hollis.** 1785. June 28. Bruton Street [London].

Requesting his acceptance of the Areopagitica, the tractate on Education and some remarks on Johnson's Life of Milton; the spirit of the Court shown by the abuse the new Poet-Laureate bestows on Milton's prose writings. Despotism in England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 152.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. June 28. London.

Concerned to hear of Franklin's indisposition. Much reduced in health and spirits by the great loss he has sustained; advised to travel; on hearing of Franklin's intended departure from Havre, determined that his tour should be thither; begs for ten days' notice of Franklin's arrival in Havre. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 153.**

From [**Charles Joseph**] **Mathon de la Cour.** 1785. June 30. Lyons.

Franklin's election as a member of the *Académie des Sciences, Belles-lettres et des Arts* of Lyons; sends a list of the Society's members and of the prizes bestowed; adds a dissertation on the laws of Lycurgus by the Author of the *Testament de Fortuné Ricard.* A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.)

[Enclosure from the Abbés de Chalut and Arnoux relating to Franklin's answer to the above letter.] **XXXIII, 154.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 197; Bigelow, IX, 138).

From ——— **Lucas.** 1785. June 30. Ponteau de mer.

Since his brother's departure for America on March 14th, 1784, no word has been received from him; begs Franklin to allay, if possible, their extreme anxiety and give them any information in his power concerning his brother's fate. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 155.**

From **Mme. Ligniville-Helvétius.** [1785. *Circa* June.]

Can scarcely realize that Franklin has left them forever. Sees him in imagination in his litter being borne gradually away. Fears for his health and the fatigue of the long journey. Asks him to turn back and stay with her and her friends and share her retreat. The friendship he would find there would make it pleasing to him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 274a.**

From **S[amuel] Vaughan, Jr.** [1785. *Circa* June.]

Concerning a suitable vessel in which Franklin can take passage to America; regrets not being able to accompany him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 134.**

From **Mariamne Williams.** 1785. July 2.

Terms of accommodation agreed upon between her uncle [Alexander John Alexander] and the Bank [of England]. Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s business in Dublin with Mr. [Philip] Moore. Expressions of friendship and affection. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 155½.**

From **T[homas] Pownall.** 1785. July 3. Lausanne.

Act of charity towards [Lewis] Evans's daughter [Mrs. Amelia Barry]. Franklin's great service to his country; high hopes for America; example of Switzerland. England justly punished. Sends him a final farewell. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 156.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 199).

From **Col. [David] Humphreys.** 1785. July 8. Paris.

Sends the enclosed letter for Franklin's signature; begs that it may be returned as soon as signed. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 157.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1785. July 8. London.

His visit to Mr. [William] Strahan, who is dangerously ill. Mr. [Alexander] Garden asks for a letter of recommendation from Franklin in favor of Mr. William Peterkin, a dissenting clergyman, who desires to settle in the United States; enclosing letter [1 p.] from Mr. Strahan's son, Andrew, on the same subject. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 161.**

From **Duc de Coigny.** 1785. July 9. Paris.

Placing his litter at Franklin's disposal; delighted at being able to render his journey to Havre a trifle easier. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 159.**

From **——— Berville.** 1785. July 9.

Requests Dr. Franklin to secure a settlement of his account from John Barclay & Co., and Evrard [Jones, of Boston]. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 43.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [1785.] July 10. Passy.

Has never been able to go to bid him farewell. Feared the occasion would be too painful for both of them. Will never forget the eight years passed in Franklin's company. Asks him to send them news about himself. Postscript by M. Brillon. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 113.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 433.

From **Marquis de la Fayette.** 1785. July 15.

Wishing Franklin and his grandson a happy voyage to America. Intends continuing his trip to Germany; wishes he could accompany them to America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIII, 161.**

From **Sarah Randolph (née Hargrave).** 1785. July 19. Deptford.

Begs that the enclosed letter may be delivered to her friend in Philadelphia. The once happy Sally Randolph now obliged to live in an alms house at Deptford; all her misfortunes due to the late unnatural war; sends messages to her old friend Sally Bache. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 162.**

From **Huet de Froberville.** 1785. July 20. Orleans.

Writes on behalf of the *Société* [*Royale de Physique, d'Histoire Naturelle et des Arts d'Orleans*], regretting Dr. Franklin's departure for America and desiring a correspondence with his illustrious [American Philosophical] Society at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 162½.**

From **Sophie de Chaumont.** 1785. July 21. Passy.

Acknowledging his letter; her father, her sister, Miss La Motte and Miss Price join her in wishing him continued good health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 163.**

From **Evan Christian.** 1785. July 21. London.

Begs him to recommend Mr. [John] Aislabie, a son of an old friend, to Samuel Johnston, Esq., Member of the Assembly in Edenton, [North Carolina]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 164.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1785. July 22. Passy.

On his return from saying good-bye to Dr. Franklin, was met by the news of his son's arrival; his anxiety concerning the effect on Franklin's health of the passage to England; good wishes for his future welfare. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 166.**

From **George Whatley.** 1785. July 22. London.

Will ever prize the kind present of Franklin's medallion. Reflections on old age, the Foundling Hospital at Paris, the Philadelphia Bank, and the Society of Cincinnatus. [Peter] Dollond's appreciation of Franklin's account of his double spectacles. Concerning his work the *Principles of Trade*. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXIII, 167.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1785. [July 23.] Cowes.

Arrival of Captain [Thomas] Truxton; preparation for Franklin's coming. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 162.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1785. [July 24.] Cowes.

Capt. [Thomas] Truxton will endeavor to have all things on board before his arrival. Reminds him not to let the mattress be forgotten. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 163.**

From **J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.** 1785. July 24. Twyford.

Overjoyed at the prospect of seeing Franklin again; expects to wait upon him after dinner, with his wife and daughter. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 169.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 218; Bigelow, IX, 148).

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1785. July 24. London.

Nothing retards the publication of his sketch of Franklin, except the additions he promised to send. Donation of books sent by him to Carlisle College. Sends Franklin a present of Dr. Fothergill's works. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 170.**

From **Peter Thellusson fils & Co.** 1785. July 25. London.

Acknowledging his favor of the 24th inst.; happy to be of any service to him; send the desired letter of credit. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 171.**

From **Sam[uel] Potts.** 1785. July 26. General Post Office [London].

Disappointed at being unable to pay his respects to him. Desires a letter, certifying to the purpose for which he waited upon Franklin at Passy in the summer of 1783; recalls the details of their interview, and gives his reasons for the above request. A. L. S. 4 p.
XXXIII, 173.

From **Andrew Strahan.** 1785. July 26. London.

Informing him of his father's death and giving an account of his last hours; his mother in a precarious state of health; encloses a letter with a request from Mr. Garden, an old friend of his father. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 174.**

From ——— **Simonet.** 1785. July 26. Paris.

Enclosing a letter from Dr. [John] Jeffries entrusted to his care. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 174½.**

From **D[avid] H[artley].** 1785. July 27. London.

Has just heard of Franklin's presence at Southampton; expects to be with him soon. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 175.**

From **Daniel Bell.** 1785. July 29. London.

Introduced to Franklin the previous year by his uncle, Mr. David Barclay; reminds him of a request made then to appoint an American Agent on the Isle of Thanet; strongly recommends Mr. Thomas Blackburn for the position. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 176.**

From **And[re]w Limozin.** 1785. July 29. Havre-de-Grace.

Promising to forward his baggage as well as Mr. [Jean Antoine] Houdon's by the first conveyance; question of his account. Wishing him a speedy and happy voyage. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 177.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1785. [July. London.]

Sending the enclosed letter from Capt. [Thomas] Truxton by special messenger; his good opinion of the Captain. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 136.**

From **Mme Brillon.** [1785. July ?]

Sending her adieus to Franklin on his departure from France. For a long time previous the thought of his departure had grieved and saddened her. The reality almost breaks her heart. Will never again find a friend like him. Her husband, her daughters and herself will always remember his kindness and friendship for them all. Wishes him a happy voyage. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 102.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 433.

From **Mlle. de Chaumont.** [1785. July.]

Expressions of the warmest affection. Anxious concerning the long voyage ahead of him; begging him to return and occupy his old room; messages to his grandson. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 40.**

From **Catherine Louisa Shipley.** 1785. August 2. Twyford.

Their sorrow at parting from him; her regret at leaving with him no remembrance save the ginger-cake. Her sister [Georgiana Shipley Hare]'s disappointment at not seeing him. Will make the verses an excuse for writing again. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 178.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 219; Bigelow, IX, 203).

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. August 2. London.

His happiness at seeing Franklin in such good health at Southampton. Renews the subject of the confiscation of his estates in North Carolina; thinks such treatment must reflect not only on that State but on all the others. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 179.**

From **Duc de Coigny.** 1785. August 4. Paris.

Glad that Franklin was pleased with the litter he was able to procure him. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 180.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. August 4. London.

Enclosing a letter from Miss [Catherine Louisa] Shipley, and one to Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] from Mr. Alexander. Important results of the revolution in America. Will be glad to hear any news concerning his interests in North Carolina, or concerning his proposals to Congress relative to copper coins. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 181.**

From **H[enry] Dagge.** 1785. August 6. London.

Recommending the bearer, who is not only a good practical farmer, but an excellent coach master; his intention to take some carriages with him to America and buy some horses upon his arrival. Messages from the [Benjamin] Wests and from Lady Strachan. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 182.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1785. August 9.

Cherishes all his letters; he is her Saint whose relics must be sacredly preserved; their undying memory of him and affection for him. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 8.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 431.

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1785. August 10. Passy.

Awaits impatiently the news of Franklin's safe arrival. Disposition made of certain of Franklin's effects. The character of his house entirely changed; nothing but princes and princesses, duchesses and marquises. Makes a suggestion to have large ships so constructed in America that they could come right up the Seine to Paris, laden with timber; thinks there would be profit in such an enterprise. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 183.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1785. August 10. Passy.

Description of his return journey after taking leave of Franklin; met by innumerable inquiries from all of Franklin's friends. Condition of the Chateau de la Muette; question of selling the piano-forte. His appreciation of the privilege of having lived with Franklin; his sorrow at losing him and his hope of seeing him return. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 184a.**

From **Mme. Le Veillard.** [1785. August 10. Passy.]?

Did not follow Franklin's advice to find a consoler; too much grieved by his departure; her children share her sorrow; pleasure she has in possessing his table. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 184b.**

From **Caleb Whitefoord.** 1785. August 14. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's kind letter from Southampton. Envies Mrs. [Mary] Hewson the agreeable society awaiting her in Philadel-

phia; wishes he were going too; his ungrateful country has done nothing for him. Surprised to hear that the gay Monsieur [William] Temple [Franklin] has retired to the plough. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 185.**

From ——— **Martin fils.** 1785. August 20. Paris.

Concerning a bill for £4,500, which he finds it impossible to negotiate in Paris; begs Franklin to cash it for him; promises to repay the money fifteen days or a month before the note's maturity. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 186.**

From **G[eorgiana Shipley] H[are].** 1785. August 20. Vicenza.

Informed of Franklin's flying visit by her family; could not have borne to see him embark for America, unless she had hopes of going there soon herself; if Franklin gives them the least encouragement, she and her husband will sail for America in the spring; describes her plan of renting a farm near Philadelphia; weary of their present vagabond life; begs for information as to rent, the price of provisions, etc.; asks his advice on many points. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 187.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1785. August 24. London.

Prevented, by absence, from hearing of Franklin's short stay at Southampton. Question of promoting good will and a good understanding between their two countries. Messages from his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 188.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 221; Bigelow, IX, 204).

From **Mrs. P[ier]r[e] Bũyck.** 1785. September 3. Gand.

Concerning a debt due her and her husband by the State of South Carolina; recounts the particulars and begs Franklin's influence on their behalf. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 189.**

From **[Philippe Denis] Pierres.** 1785. September 10. Paris.

Prevented by illness from taking leave of Franklin; his grief at losing him; begs for his continued friendship and for information of any new processes discovered in printing, or new books on the subject; acknowledging the book sent him by Franklin's son. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 190.**

From **The Masonic Lodge of Carcassonne.** 1785. September 12.

Sending Franklin a copy of their proceedings during the current year. Requests him to recommend L. Carles, one of their members who had gone to America and was then at Mole St. Nicolas, to Chevalier de la Luzerne, Governor of that colony. D. S. 3 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **LV, 100.**

From [**François Barbé**] **de Marbois.** 1785. September 21. New York.

Congratulating him upon his return to America. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 191.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 225; Bigelow, IX, 262).

From [**Col. Chevalier**] **de Cambray.** 1785. September 21. Montdidier.

Concerning arrears of pay due him for his services in America; wishes to send his certificates to Philadelphia and receive in return the new certificates on which interest is paid annually by M. [Ferdinand] Grand. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 192.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1785. September 21. New York.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival and welcoming him to his native country. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 193.**

From **J. Okely.** 1785. September 22. Bethlehem.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival; hopes shortly to do this in person. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 194.**

From **Thomas Paine.** 1785. September 23. New York.

Congratulating him on his return home. Hopes the evening of his life will resemble Franklin's; feels sure he has never given Franklin reason to regret having been his patron and introducer into America. Prevented from coming to Philadelphia by an interesting affair with Congress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 195.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1785. September 24. Passy.

No news yet of him. Marriage of Mlle. Brillon. Experiments with green wax; desires his son to send him a tun of this wax. Peace between Holland and Germany. Wishes he might live to see the future of America; reflections on that country. Affectionate messages from his family. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 196.**

From [**Rev'd**] **Uzal Ogden.** 1785. September 24. Newark, N. J.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival; feels that he is voicing the desire of the whole State in expressing gratitude for Franklin's eminent services in the cause of freedom; begs his acceptance of two pamphlets just published. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 197.**

From **W[illia]m Edmonds.** 1785. September 25. Nazareth [, Pa.].

Congratulating him on his safe return; hopes he places in Franklin; good wishes for his future welfare. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 198.**

From **John Herbergs.** 1785. September 26. Philadelphia.

Petition, as agent, for the heirs and representatives of John Striepers, relative to his claims to land in Pennsylvania and certain lots in the above city originally purchased by John Striepers. L. S. 3 p. **LVII, 37.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1785. September 26. New York.

Welcoming him home; acknowledging his favors of February 8th and April 3d from Paris; would gladly embrace any opportunity of bettering himself under his patronage; desires to know under what conditions he aided Mr. [James] Parker; hopes to wait upon him in person. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 199.**

From **John Fitch.** 1785. September 27.

Informed that the [American] Philosophical Society meets that evening; desires to lay his papers before them; begs leave to postpone sending them to Franklin until the following morning. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 200.**

From ——— **Otto.** 1785. September 28. New York.

Congratulating him upon his safe arrival; France and America equally in his debt for the friendship formed between those two countries; the value of his counsels and experience. Hopes soon to pay his respects to him at Philadelphia and renew his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 201.**

From **C[atherine] L[ouisa] Shipley.** 1785. September 30. Chilbolton.

Sending Georgiana [Shipley Hare]'s verses [4 p.]; Georgiana's marriage and the unfortunate circumstances connected with it. News of Sir William Jones. The Slopers at present visiting them. Prefers America to Ireland, there being no Dr. Franklin in the latter country. Sends him a purse with a design of stars and stripes. Report of Franklin's being sent a prisoner to Algiers. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 202.**

From **W[illia]m Vernon.** 1785. October 1. Newport, R. I.

Congratulates him on his return to America. Asks him to send him an account of his son's conduct in Paris, and the cause of his tarrying there. Also wants his opinion of his son's character. Received no letter from him for four years. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 204b.**

From **The Associates of Dr. Bray.** 1785. October 4. London.

Purchase, by Dr. Franklin's advice, of a piece of land on Market St. [Philadelphia], by the Associates of Dr. Bray; their present wish to sell part of it; informed by Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson that a new street is to be made near their lot; desires his good offices in this affair on their behalf. Plan for establishing a school for negroes in Philadelphia. Encloses abstracts for their proceedings for the last year, and a book prepared for distribution among the blacks. A. L. S. Tho[ma]s Lyttleton, Sec[retar]y. 2 p. **XXXIII, 203.**

From **John Jay.** 1785. October 4. New York.

Looks to him for the reestablishment of union and harmony in Pennsylvania. Cannot explain why Franklin's letters respecting his grandson [William Temple Franklin] have not been more efficacious. He and Mrs. Jay delighted at the prospect of seeing Dr. Franklin in New York. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 204.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 228; Bigelow, IX, 268).

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. October 4. London.

Just returned from his long tour in the North; greatly improved in health and spirits. Sends the enclosed from the worthy Bishop [of St. Asaph]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 205.**

From **J[ohn] K. Read.** 1785. October 6. Fredericksburgh.

Proposes visiting Philadelphia that winter; looks forward to seeing Franklin. Introducing Mr. Huxham a merchant of fortune and eminence from Charleston; he is accompanied by Mr. Armstrong. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 206.**

From **George Courtauld.** 1785. October 7. Philadelphia.

Brought from England five hundred pounds sterling, also letters of recommendation, from Dr. [Richard] Price; desires to take up farming; asks permission to wait upon him and receive his advice. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 207.**

From **Richard Peters.** 1785. October 7. Belmont, [near Philadelphia].

Desires to pay up any deficiency on Franklin's kind advances to his father. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 208.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1785. October 8. Warwick [R. I.].

Delighted at Franklin's return to America. All her children at home except Ray who is studying law. Greatly honored by Franklin's letter; begs for one of his pictures; the one he sent met with a misfortune; will go and congratulate Sister Mecom on the good news. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 209.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1785.] October 9. Passy.

Acknowledging letters to his brother [Julien David Le Roy] on marine affairs, and to M. Ingen Housz on a new stove for consuming the smoke. Visit paid to M. de Malesherbes in the country; translated Franklin's paper on "Stoves" for publication; curious result of lightning striking M. [Chrétien Guillaume de Lamirgnon de] Malesherbes's dove-cot. Experiments with balloons. Chemists interested in the decomposition of water. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 158.**

From **Robert Levers.** 1785. October 9. Easton, [Pennsylvania].

Reviews Franklin's labors for the interest and happiness of America, from the year 1754. Good wishes for his future welfare. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 210.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1785. October 9. Passy.

Report of Franklin's capture by the Algerines. Incident of Cardinal de Rohan and the Queen's diamond necklace. Marriage of Mlle. Brillon. Numerous inquiries after Franklin from all his friends. Question of Franklin's memoirs. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 211.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 230; Bigelow, IX, 270).

From **William Ellery.** 1785. October 10. New York.

At the request of William Vernon, Esq., late of the Navy Board of the United States, sends his letters. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 212.**

From **W[illia]m Paca.** 1785. October 10. Annapolis.

Congratulating him on his safe return. Enclosing a letter from Dr. [John] Shuttleworth who has lost considerable property through the confiscation laws; his intention of bringing the matter before the Assembly; thinks the Doctor's interview with Franklin at Passy will carry great weight if endorsed by a line from Franklin; begs this favor for his friend. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 213.**

From **David Bush.** 1785. October 10. Wilmington, Delaware.

Delighted at the reception accorded Franklin; congratulates him on all that he has done for America; recalls the old days when their small Club used to meet; all gone now except Franklin and himself. News of his family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 214.**

From **John Fitch.** 1785. October 12. Bucks County [Pennsylvania].

The great advantages of his steamboat; desires Franklin's assistance in introducing another useful art into the world. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 215.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 232).

From **Sears and Smith.** 1785. October 13. New York.

Concerning the retention, by Revenue Officers at Martinique, of a cargo of negroes landed there by their ship "Fire-brand"; these slaves will be sold unless a heavy duty is paid on every one; protest against such treatment and beg Franklin's good offices with the French Government; aware this is an unfavorable subject with which to trouble him; can only assure him that this trade in negroes was purely accidental. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 217.**

From **James Milligan, Comptroller of the Treasury.**

1785. October 14. New York.

Concerning the arrears of pay due Col. Cambray; will obtain a certificate for the full amount including interest and transmit it to Col. Cambray by whatever channel Franklin advises. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 218.**

From **Henry Geiger.** 1785. October 14. Heidelberg Township [Penna.].

Congratulating Franklin upon his safe arrival and on his election as President of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; good wishes for his future welfare. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 219.**

From **Horatio Gates.** 1785. October 14. Berkeley Co., Virginia.

Congratulating him on his auspicious return to the Nation whose independence he has principally contributed to establish. Has not received one farthing of the principal or interest of the thousands owing him by the United States ; his estate almost ruined; can't afford to leave it to pay his respects to Franklin. Great hopes from Franklin's election as head of Pennsylvania; thinks he alone can reconcile parties and bring peace to that divided land. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 220.**

From **The Judges of Election.** 1785. October 14. Philadelphia.

As Judges of the past election they acquaint him that he is elected Counsellor for the City of Philadelphia. A. L. S. Nath[anie]l Falconer, John M'Culloh, Sam[ue]l Miles, Judges of the past election. 1 p. **XXXIII, 220½.**

From **J[ohn] Shuttleworth.** 1785. October 16. Annapolis, Md.

Begs him to certify to Governor Paca certain details of their conversation at Passy; value of such testimony in enabling him to recover a part of his confiscated estate. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 216.**

From **John Biddle.** 1785. October 17. Philadelphia.

Has petitioned the Supreme Executive Council [of Pennsylvania] to appoint him head measurer of salt and grain; hopes he may meet with Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 221.**

From **Comtesse de Menou.** 1785. October 17. Paris.

Begging for news of Franklin; all kinds of rumors flying about Paris. Recommending a young man of good family, and some talent, but no fortune. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 222.**

From **John and Susanna Bard.** 1785. October 18. New York.

Congratulating him on his return to his native land; sorry he cannot enjoy the repose he had so amply earned. Their removal from the country to New York; news of his family; deaths and marriages. Praise for young Mr. [William Temple] Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 223.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1785. October 22. Southwark.

Has been ill but hopes to wait upon Franklin in a day or two relative to Dr. Ingen Housz's business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 224.**

From **Thomas Reynolds.** 1785. October 24. Philadelphia Gaol.

Confined for seven months past without trial, on suspicion of a trifling offense; his services in the American navy; has applied to the Navy Office for the prize-money due him; informed that they could not settle his claims until they received the returns from Franklin; begs his assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 225.**

From **Nath[anie]l Tackett.** 1785. October 25. Philadelphia.

Sending Franklin a copy of a memorial now before Congress, concerning a plan for the settlement of a new state. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 226.**

From **——— de Bays.** 1785. October 25. Nuits.

Offering him wines of the first quality. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 227.**

From **Rachal Robinson.** 1785. October 25. Philadelphia.

Widow of James Robinson, who commanded the ship which carried Franklin to England. During his Continental service, her husband captured a schooner bound from Providence to New York, which was taken from him by the French fleet; this action approved of by Mr. Livingston and later by Congress; desires to wait on Franklin in reference to this affair. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 228.**

From **Catherine Croker,** now **Mead.**[1]

1785. October 27. Sunbury, Shamokin.

Pleasure with which she heard of his arrival; all her father's relatives dead but Dr. Franklin; begs him to write to her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 229.**

[1] [Niece of Benjamin Franklin.]

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1785. October 28. Passy.

Informed of Franklin's arrival in America; his enthusiastic reception and his improved state of health; all Paris rejoiced at the news. Prophesies that his presence will infuse new life into the [American] Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. Death of his eldest brother. Experiments with balloons. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 229½.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1785. October 29. Old Jewry, London.

His views concerning the election of bishops; his objections to the non-giving bishops of Scotland; his reasons for wishing that the first American bishops should receive their consecration from English bishops. Acknowledging the information concerning the abbreviated liturgy; reasons why the Psalms cannot be curtailed. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXIII, 230.**

Printed, for the most part, in Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections, III, 162.

From ——— **Longchamps.** 1785. October 30. Prison of Philadelphia.

Congratulations on his election [as President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 231.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1785. October 30. Passy.

Keen pleasure felt by Franklin's friends at the reception accorded him in Philadelphia; compares his entry to the ancient triumphs at Rome, to the latter's disadvantage. Reminds him of his promise to write the memoirs of his life; insists on the importance of such a work. Tremendous jealousy and dissension caused by Franklin's writing to one fair friend and ignoring the other; humorous account of the affair. Occupations of the Court at Fontainebleau. Postponement of the Cardinal de Rohan's trial. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 232.**

From **John Vanderen, Jr.** 1785. October 31. Philadelphia.

Hopes his petition to the Supreme Executive Council, asking to be appointed Notary Public, will meet with Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 233.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1785. October 31. New York.

Congratulations on his late appointment [as President of Pennsylvania]; fears the burden of such an office will be too great a tax on his health. Question concerning type. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 234.**

From **Rosamond Sargent.** [1785. October. London.]

Has been so ill that she doubted ever being able again to express her regard for Franklin; congratulates him on his return to America; hopes the new country will make a proper use of her independence. Introducing a relative of hers to Franklin's good offices; her husband has written also. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 263.**

From **M—— S——.** 1785. November 1. Chestnut Hill.

Submits his jeu d'esprit to his superior judgment, and he hopes it will be suppressed if not approved. A. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 74.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1785. November 5. Paris.

Informed of his arrival in his own country and the honors he has received. Her grief over their separation ineffaceable. News of her family. Praise of Franklin's character. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 9.**

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From **Ann Timothy.** 1785. November 5. Charleston.

Congratulations on his safe return and on his devoted services to his country. His friendship for her late husband [Peter Timothy]; has brought up her son to be worthy of the illustrious name he bears; would have sent him to see Franklin had the season not been so far advanced. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 235.**

From **Cha[rles] Thomson.** 1785. November 5. New York.

Congratulating him on his present promotion; hopes his prudence will allay the heats and temper the ferments of parties. Concerning the wish

of Franklin's grandson [William Temple Franklin] to be employed in some public office abroad; thinks he has a well-grounded claim to it; advises a seat in the National Council for a year or two as a good preparation. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 236.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1785. November 5. Newington Green.

Account of a remedy for the stone. Delighted to hear of his safe arrival and flattering reception. Regrets not having been with him at Southampton. Acknowledging his election as a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; desires Franklin to convey his thanks to the President and other members. Hostile aspect of affairs between England and America. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 237.**

From **Toussaint Lopes.** 1785. November 6. New York.

Petition for arrears of pay due him for his services in the American army; his pleas to Congress have elicited no reply; begs Franklin to assist him; the money will pay his debts and enable him to return to France. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 238.**

From **Edward Bridgen.** 1785. November 7. London.

Dr. [Richard] Price has entrusted to his care the accompanying book by the late Dr. Dobson. Inquires if he shall continue to pay Franklin's annual dues at the Society of Antiquaries [of London]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 239.**

From **And[re]w Limozin.** 1785. November 7. London.

Discharged Franklin's servant, Charles Hicks; his obvious disappointment and dissatisfaction; his loss of the Angora cat; believes he sold it. Enclosing bills of lading for various articles shipped; as to his own commission, begs Franklin to accept it. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 240.**

From **A[ndrew] Limozin.** 1785. November 9.

Statement of freight, etc., on personal effects of Benjamin Franklin shipped to Philadelphia. 2 p. **LXIV, 42.**

From **Anth[on]y Armbruster.** 1785. November 12. Germantown.

Congratulations on his election as President of Pennsylvania. Account of his unfortunate treatment during Franklin's absence abroad; sued for a debt of seventeen pounds; put in gaol and all the stock of his printing-office sold; his long struggle against poverty; his present work in a printing office in Germantown; desires a candid consideration of his case. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 241.**

From **Jno. Lawrence.** 1785. November 14. Burlington.

Sends the enclosed letter from Col. Shre(e)ve, concerning the necessary repairs on the river bank; has Franklin's deed for the park, etc.; will leave it with his son, during his absence from town. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 242.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1785. November 16. Passy.

Mme. de Chaumont occupies Franklin's old rooms; their constant talk of him; hopes to pay him a visit. Treaty between Holland and the [Holy Roman] Emperor, [Joseph II]; signed under the guarantee of the King of France; M. de Vergennes a great peace-maker. Disadvantages to America of a too rapid emigration. M. de la Motte occupied with medicine. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 243.**

From ——— ———. 1785. November 16.

Requests him to obtain a piece of land near Pennsbury for Mrs. [Patience] Wright, to be used as a burial ground. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 76.**

From **Elizabeth Oswald** (*née* **Holt**). 1785. November 20.

Reminds Franklin of his fondness for her as a child; her plan of printing an almanac; Mr. [Eleazer] Oswald in New York and unable to assist her; begs Franklin to provide a clever name for the almanac and to write the preface. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 244.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1785. November 21. Boston.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival. Appreciates Franklin's good opinion of his children. Should he come to Boston, begs him to stay at his house. Concerning Franklin's bill on the late Dr. [Samuel] Cooper. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 244½.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1785. November 22. Boston.

Welcoming him to America and congratulating him on his appointment to the Presidency of Pennsylvania. Several months before, sent him a letter and several memoirs taken from a volume of the American Academy [of Arts and Sciences]; as soon as it is finished will transmit to him the whole volume. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 245.**

From **Toussaint Lopes.** 1785. November 23. New York.

Copy of XXXIII, 238, in addition, begs Franklin to obtain some support for him until he can receive payment for his certificates. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 246.**

From **J[onathan Shipley, Bishop of] St. Asaph.** 1785. November 27. Twyford.

America's task to revive and establish civil liberty. Franklin's ability to serve his country. State of the English Government. His family's love and admiration for Franklin. His high regard for the profession of a printer; glad Franklin's grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] is to follow in his footsteps. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIII, 247.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 242; Bigelow, IX, 280).

From **Catherine [Croker] Mead.** [1785.] November 28. Sunbury.

Her happiness at hearing of his arrival; wrote him directly but received no answer; Franklin her only relative besides her father; sends love to the family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 63.**

From **Vens. Bond.** 1785. November 29. Belle Air.

Enclosing a bill due his father by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 248.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bridgen.** 1785. November 29. London.

Sending him by the hands of Mr. Slubey, a letter from the Bishop of St. Asaph; forwarded a letter from Dr. [Richard] Price. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 249.**

From **C. W. F. Dumas.** 1785. November 29. The Hague.

Heard with delight of his safe arrival and enthusiastic reception in America. Reminds him to speak to Congress on his behalf; his position

as Resident at The Hague would obviate the necessity and expense of a Minister. Two great events since Franklin's departure; peace with the Emperor [of Austria], and the alliance of France and the Netherlands. His intimacy with the French Ambassador, M. de Verac. Promising to send him a publication, a monument to a great man and Franklin's friend. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIX, 229.**

From **Joseph Browne.** 1785. November 30. West Chester, N. Y.

Owing to Franklin's recommendations, procured the position of Army Surgeon during the war; acknowledges his obligation with gratitude. Enclosing a few pamphlets on an improved system of revenue; his wishes for the prosperity of Pennsylvania. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 250.**

From **Thomas Franklin.** 1785. November 30. Philadelphia.

Concerning the settlement of Mary Standley's estate; £160 due on the bond of Benjamin Franklin and Robert Grace. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 251.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1785.] November 30.

Presented Franklin's letter to the Duc de La Vrillière. Electrometer of Mr. [William] Henly. Opinion of French chemists on Dr. [Joseph] Priestley's experiments with *"l'air fine."* Experiments with burning glass and its effect on gold. Expected arrival of the "Flora" with the results of his brother [Julien David Le Roy]'s experiments. Rumor that the Comte de Lauraguais has turned quaker. Begs Franklin to urge Mr. [John] Walsh to publish his experiments with the torpedo [fish]. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XLII, 161.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1785. November 30. La Rocheguyon.

Delighted to hear of Franklin's safe arival and the ovation given him; the sentiments expressed by his countrymen are shared by France. America's need of his services; the world expects from her an example of good government. Hopes his friends will hear from him often; expressions of admiration and affection. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 252.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1785. December 1. Alexandria.

Knows of no administration so likely as Franklin's to restore tranquility to Pennsylvania; offers his congratulations [on his election as President of Pennsylvania]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 253.**

From **Hum[phr]y Marshall.**

1785. December 5. West Bradford [Penna.].

Congratulating him on his appointment as President of Pennsylvania. Proposes that his cousin, William Bartram, and his nephew, Dr. Moses Marshall, should travel through the western parts of the United States, and the proposed new states, with a view to making observations on the natural productions and curiosities of those regions; desires to know if they would meet with proper support and encouragement in such an undertaking. Has sent Franklin his catalogues of forest trees and shrubs of the Thirteen United States. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 254.**

From **John Montgomery.** 1785. December 6. Carlisle [Penna.].

Writes on behalf of their infant seminary of learning at Carlisle; requests Franklin's influence and interest with the Honorable Assembly to whom they have applied for assistance; increase in the number of students and in the necessary expenses; their hope that the Legislature will either give them a sum of money or lend them two or three thousand pounds without interest. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 255.**

From **Catharine Pennington.** 1785. December 15. Philadelphia.

Is the widow of Miles Pennington, late Captain of Marines on board the ship "Reprisal"; her husband lost at sea; left penniless; has applied in vain to various authorities for the prize-money due him; begs Franklin to look into her case. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 256.**

From **John Adams.** 1785. December 18. [London.]

Concerning the appointment of John Anstey, barrister-at-law, to repair to the United States and inquire into several claims which have been or shall be presented; desired by the Honorable the Marquis of Carmarthen to communicate Mr. Anstey's appointment to the Members of Congress and recommend him to their protection and countenance. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIII, 257.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1785. December 19. Passy.

Thanking him for the good news and rejoicing with him on his improved state of health. Congratulates Franklin's countrymen on his acceptance of the Presidency of Pennsylvania. Cardinal de Rohan still in prison; arrest of the Comte de Cagliostro, M. and Mme. de La Motte [Valois] and a certain Mlle. Oliva said to have impersonated the Queen; history of Mme. de La Motte [Valois]; righteous indignation of the Queen; general opinion of Cagliostro. Mesmer's loss of prestige in Paris; his failure to excite any interest in England; his present sojourn in Italy. Arrest of the Chief Secretary of Council for secretly printing attacks on the Ministers. Messages from many of Franklin's friends. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 258.**

From **Isaac Croker.** 1785. December 23. Philadelphia.

Is the son of Richard Croker, late of Guildford, in Surrey; informed that his uncle John Croker came to America many years before and that his children are nephews of Franklin; desires information concerning them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIII, 259.**

From **Gaetano Filangieri.** 1785. December 24. Della Cava.

Sending Franklin three more volumes of his work.[1] A. L. S. 3 p. (In Italian.) **XXXIII, 260.**

[1] [Scienza della Legislazione.]
Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 233; Bigelow, IX, 273).

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1785. December 26. Boston.

Settlement of his affairs likely to take some time. Receipt for making Crown soap. Mr. [James] Bowdoin's desire to read, before their Academy [of Arts and Sciences], Franklin's [Sundry] Marine [Observations]. Sends an account of a dissolvent for the stone. Claim of a Mr. Allen, of Bedford, to make salt water fresh in any quantity, with the aid of machinery. Desires Dr. [John] Jeffries's memoirs and also the papers relative to stoves and smoking chimneys. No word from Mr. Benjamin Vaughan concerning the books for the Franklin Library. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 165.**

From **M. Brillon.** 1785. December 30. Paris.

Inquires about his health. Quotes some verses on human misery and the ills man has to suffer in old age. Hopes he will live long to

finish his work. Gives him a budget of news about political and public events in Paris; refers to the affair of the diamond necklace. Mesmer and his disciple, Deslon, still have many partisans. Extravagant costumes worn by men and women. Mme. de Maucomeil has taken the house occupied by Franklin when in Paris. Tells him about the de Chaumont family, the Le Veillard family, Mme. Helvétius, Abbés Laroque and Rochon and all his old friends and former neighbors. M. Brillon, his wife and two daughters with the latters' husbands all living together in Paris. Wishes Franklin could get loans of money for the United States like M. [Charles Alexandre] de Calonne, in France. New coinage of gold pieces. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 119.**

From [**Le Ray**] **de Chaumont.** 1785. December 31.

Begging clemency on behalf of a poor prisoner, who prays that he may be set free from an unmerited captivity. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIII, 261.**

From **Thomas Paine.** 1785. December 31.

Sends the candles he has been making; describes the separation of the smoke and flame, and their issuing from different ends of the candle; reason for this. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIII, 262.**

From **John Aislabie.** [*Circa* 1785. February.] Wilmington, N. C.

Reminding Franklin of a letter of recommendation written for him by Vicar-General Christian of the Isle of Man; solicits employment. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 157.**

From **Miss Bard.** [*Circa* 1785.] Saturday.

Leaves Philadelphia next morning. Will take any commands Franklin may have for New York. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 141.**

From **Thomas Tabb Bolling.** [*Circa* 1785.] Paris.

Asking for a passport to England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 85.**

From [**Thomas Tabb**] **Bolling.** [*Circa* 1785.] Paris.

Asking for the letter of recommendation Franklin was good enough to procure him for New Orleans. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 130.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1785.] 6th.

Has inquired about the two chaise bearers. They will call on Franklin for his orders if he wishes to go out. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 54.**

From [**Robert Waring**] **Darwin.** [*Circa* 1785.] Paris.

Accepting invitation to dine with Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 161.**

From [**Sir**] **Edw[ar]d Newenham.** [1785?]

Present political situation in Ireland. His experiments in making a balloon; queries concerning aerial navigation. War between Holland and the Emperor, [Joseph II] inevitable. Anxious to hear of la Fayette's safe arrival in France; expects a visit from him. Request for letters of introduction to Franklin's friends in the United States. A. L. S. 5 p. **XL, 142.**

From **Nicholas Pachot.** [*Circa* 1785.]

Is a Canadian, begs assistance to go to Montreal to rejoin his family. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 113.**

From **Eliza Sistey.** [*Circa* 1785.]

Is the widow of one of Dr. Franklin's former post riders. Being reduced to poverty, asks his aid. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 109.**

From **Major Turner and Dr. Thornton.**
[1785? Philadelphia.] Tuesday.

They have erased his name from John Cram's subscription paper and return his grateful thanks. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 9.**

From **J[onathan] Williams, Jr.** 1786. January 9. Boston

Has replied to his correspondent, Mercator; desire of a friend of his to have this speech and the preceding ones printed; sends them to Franklin for his inspection; indebted to him for his best ideas. Awaits his consent for the reading of the Maritime pamphlet before their Society. [American Academy of Arts and Sciences.] A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVIII, 166.**

From **Gilles De Lavallée.** 1786. January 10. Durham.

Announcing his arrival in America with his son, and several of his master mechanics; kind reception given him by General [John] Sullivan, to whom he presented Franklin's letter. Description of the mercantile establishment he expects to build up; prophesies that in twenty years America will manufacture all her own goods; desires him to write to Gen. Sullivan about the establishment. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 1.**

From **Eliz[abe]th Gaudin.** 1786. January 10. Boston.

Her husband's service in the navy; left a widow without means; nearly five hundred dollars owing to her husband [Philip Gaudin]; has waited in vain for the Congress to do something for the widows of those slain in the war; begs Franklin to take pity on her distressed situation. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 2.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. January 10. New York.

Informed that Franklin's printing material has arrived; desires to know on what conditions he can be furnished with certain type; offers to come to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 3.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1786. January 12. Belle-Champs.

Glories in his friendship and confidence; comments made on his bust. Irish politics; his reasons for wishing to retire from Parliament on the next election; denounces Ord's Jesuitical Bill. The Duchess the gayest female that ever reigned on the island; numerous and disagreeable reports of America appearing in the English papers; wishes sufficient trustworthy information to publicly contradict these statements. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXIV, 4.**

From **Charles Guess.**

1786. January 12. Vincent Township, Chester County, Pa.

In 1776 bought a farm; during his absence on business the former owner drove out his family and took the land back; can neither get back the land nor the money paid for it; applies to Franklin for redress. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 5.**

From **Catharine Pennington.** 1786. January 13. Philadelphia.

Desiring to know when Franklin will write to Congress on her behalf. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 6.**

From **Tho[ma]s Bond.** 1786. January 13. Northern Liberties [Phila.].

Concerning the sum of money due the estate of his late father; as he is hard-pressed for cash, begs Franklin to give the amount to the bearer. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 7.**

From **Franklin Read.** 1786. January 14. Cape Henlopen.

Begging him to take some notice of his little family, during his absence on a voyage to the East Indies; expects to be back in eighteen months with something considerable. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 8.**

From **John Aislabie.** 1786. January 16. Wilmington, N. C.

Enclosing a letter from England; apologizes for troubling Franklin with a recommendation from his friend, Vicar-General Christian. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 9.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. January 16. New York.

Repeating the request in his former letter of January 10th. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 10.**

From **P. P. Burdett.** 1786. January 17. Carlsruhe.

Received by M. de Butré a book entitled, *Constitution des Etats Unis de l'Amérique* together with a beautiful medal commemorating America's independence; returns Franklin his most grateful acknowledgments. Introducing an honest peasant, Christian Walther, who goes to Philadelphia to claim a legacy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 11.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1786. January 18. Paris.

Announcing the death of a cherished brother. Delighted at his safe arrival and at the ovation he received; hopes he will not forget her. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

[English translation annexed. 2 p.] **XXXIV, 12.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. January 19. Passy.

Concerning the Legislature of Pennsylvania; unity destroyed by factions; reflections on this form of Government; his belief in Franklin's ability to reconcile opposing parties; accuses him of a consuming ambition to be of service to the people. Regrets that he is too much occupied to write his memoirs. Reminds Franklin of his promise relative to the [American] Philosophical Society. Messages from his family and from Franklin's many friends. Deaths of M. Watelet and M[m]e. du Tartre. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 13.**

From **J[ohn] Sargent.** 1786. January 22. London.

Introducing his friend, Mr. Austey, who goes to America on public business; begs Franklin to aid him with his advice and friendship. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 14.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1786. January 22. Richmond.

Heard with joy of Franklin's safe arrival together with that of his two grandsons and [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]. His warm attachment to Franklin. Recommending to his kindness, his friend, Mr. Oliver Pollock, who suffered deeply by the late war. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 15.**

From **Josiah Flagg.** 1786. January 24. Petersburg.

Recalls himself to Franklin's memory as the son of his niece, Sally Mecom. Reasons why he has found Petersburg a poor place for an ambitious young man; desires Franklin to get him a clerkship in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 16.**

From [**Marquis of**] **Lansdowne.** 1786. January 26. London.

Recommending to Franklin's best services, Mr. Austey, who is sent to America to negotiate the claims of the American loyalists. Rejoiced to hear of his safe return to America; hopes to have good news of his health. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 17.**

From **W[illiam] S[tephens] Smith.**
1786. January 27. Westminster [London].

Forwarding a letter from the Marquis de la Fayette, and one from The Hague from Mr. [John] Adams. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 18.**

From **Levi Hollingsworth and Dorsey Pentecost.**
1786. February 1. Philadelphia.

Concerning their expected interview with Franklin; sending certain papers relative to the business in hand. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 19.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1786. February 3. Boston.

Encloses a description of the machine for freshening salt water; disadvantages of sand as a medium; intends to try experiments with stone. Encloses an account [13 p.] of cases in which people who are apparently dead, recover; wrote it out for [Rev.] Dr. [John] Lathrop, in order to encourage the establishment of a Humane Society in Boston. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 167.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1786. February 4. Alexandria.

Obliged to sell a much-valued farm, about eight or nine miles from Philadelphia; offers Franklin this opportunity of buying it. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 20.**

From **Jno. Hunter.** 1786. February 7. Bath.

Recalls the happy days they have spent together. Recommends to Franklin's kindness Mr. Anstey; Mr. Anstey's father a writer whose genius has been admired by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 21.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1786. February 7. Passy.

Admiring Franklin's courage in accepting the honors conferred upon him. Their evenings spent in talk of him; begs him to love them always; his house will ever be open to any of Franklin's descendants. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 21½.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1786. February 8. Paris.

Admiration for Franklin's courage in undertaking the fatigues of public office; his ability to conciliate opposing factions. Critical period for America; her position as a teacher of legislation to the entire world. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 22.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 245; Bigelow, IX, 289).

From [**Marquis de**] **la Fayette.** 1786. February 10. Paris.

His journey through Prussia and the Austrian dominions; general misinformation respecting America; King of Prussia's temper very bad; the Emperor's not very quiet; thinks, however, there is no danger of war. Happy to hear of Franklin's acceptance of the Presidency of Pennsylvania; great things expected from him. Committee appointed to consider the affairs of American commerce. A vocabulary of Indian words desired by the Empress of Russia; her plan of a universal dictionary. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 22½.**

From [**Comte d'**]**Estaing.** 1786. February 11. Paris.

The King's consent to his receiving the honor of citizenship from Georgia; expects to greet Franklin in Philadelphia in less than two years. Mme. Helvétius has been ill; they tell her it is love and Franklin's absence; quotes her reply. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 23.**

From **Louis Jones.** 1786. February 12. New York.

Congratulating him on his safe arrival and the exalted station to which he has been elected. As a lad was apprenticed by Franklin to James Parker; at present supporting his family by his work as a journeyman printer; is conducting the New York Morning Post, while its proprietor is in prison for printing an obscene pamphlet; begs Franklin's influence to procure him a more eligible situation than he has at present. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 25.**

From **Colonel** [**David**] **Humphreys.** 1786. February 12. London.

Desiring his acceptance of the enclosed poem; hopes its moral and political tendency will excuse its defects. Expects to go to Paris in a day or two. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXXIV, 26.**

From **Catherine** [**Croker**] **Mead.** 1786. February 14. Sunbury.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of December 3d. Is the daughter of John Croker, deceased, whose effects have been much scattered through the country; begs for any information on the subject. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 27.**

From **Josiah Flagg.** 1786. February 18. Petersburg.

Emboldened by his letter of the 17th to visit him in Philadelphia; has been lame from his fifth year; debarred from many occupations by this infirmity. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 28.**

From **David Howell.** 1786. February 20. Providence, R. I.

Desiring to know if Franklin presented to the King of France a memorial concerning their College [Brown University] and wishing to know the result of their application. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 29.**

From **Duc de Charost and others.** 1786. February 21. Paris.

Desiring Franklin to send his subscription to the Treasurer of the *Maison Philantropique* of Paris. Printed N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 30.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. February 21. Bristol, Penna.

Desiring a certificate of the types being American manufacture, which, as having been manufactured in Franklin's house, though in France, is the case, and therefore exempt from duty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 31.**

From **George Buckmaster.** 1786. February 23. Newport.

Congratulations on his safe arrival; good wishes for his future health and happiness. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 32.**

From **Gabriel Hungaries.** 1786. February 23. Philadelphia.

Is a Spaniard disabled by wounds received in America's service; the pension granted him quite inadequate to his support; desires permission to sell some small things through the country and thus eke out his income. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 33.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1786. February 26. Boston.

Gratified at Franklin's favorable opinion of his dispute with Mercator; has set to work to copy and improve his journal. Franklin's character in Boston is without a shade. Information concerning Mrs. Mecom. Succeeded in having Quinquet's lamp executed. Has come through his law-suit with flying colors; flattering attention paid him in Boston. Offers to give receipt for Parmesan cheese to the Society for Encouraging Agriculture. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVIII, 168.**

From [**Comte d'**]**Estaing.** [*Circa* 1786. February. Paris.]

Confesses to jealousy of his intimate friend and companion in arms, M. [de Mauduit] Duplessis, who carries this letter to America; his good sense in preferring America to Paris with her whirlpool of pleasure; hopes the fact that M. Duplessis once saved his life will act as a recommendation of that gentleman to Franklin's favor. All his friends at Passy well, except Mme. Helvétius, who is always sad. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 24.**

From **Benj[ami]n Rush.** 1786. March 3. Philadelphia.

Composed his address before he knew the [American Philosophical] Society was to be honored with Franklin's presence; opinion of Mr. [David] Rittenhouse that there will not be the least impropriety in reading the conclusion of the oration in Franklin's presence. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 35.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1786. March 4.

Congress has no objection to Dr. Franklin's accepting and retaining the picture of the King of France, presented by himself at the time of the signing of the Treaty. L. S. 1 p. **LV, 104.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1786. March 8. Vienna.

Congratulating Franklin on his appointment as Governor of Pennsylvania. Anxieties incident to his business relations with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton. Hopes he received the two volumes of his German work, *Vermischte Schriften;* would send Franklin copies of other of his publications, from time to time, if he knew an inexpensive way of forwarding them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 36.**

From **Countess Benyowsky.** [1786.] March 8. Baltimore.

Illness of herself and her children; death of her little daughter born in Baltimore; daily expecting the return of their ship from the Indies, when she will quit America. Enclosing a letter for Mme. Le Roy in Paris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 137.**

From **Benj[ami]n Rush.** 1786. March 11. Philadelphia.

Agreeable to his request has suppressed the conclusion of his oration ["The Influence of Physical Causes on the Moral Faculty"] in the published edition; begs permission to dedicate it to him; encloses a copy of the simple dedication he wishes to insert. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 38.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 255, note; Bigelow, IX, 304, note).

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1786. March 12. Belcamp.

Irish politics; no new taxes; pension bill much increased; corruption among the Board of Aldermen; their new speaker a Machiavelli. Prophesies that the death of Frederick of Prussia will end the Germanic republic. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 39.**

From **La Societa Patriotica di Milano.** 1786. March 13. Milan.

Certificate of corresponding membership. **Portfolio.**

From **[Charles] Arthaud.** 1786. March 15. Cap François.

Sending him the first publication of a Society ["Cercle des Philadelphes"] formed for the cultivation of the Arts and Sciences; their wish to add Franklin's illustrious name to the list of members. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 37.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1786. March 15. Passy.

Recommending to his kindness Mr. de la Valete. Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's observations on Virginia, lately published, translated into French by the Abbé Morellet; Comte de Buffon vexed at having his theories contradicted. Two memoirs which have made a great sensation; M. de Cretelle's and M. du Paty's; the need of reform in French criminal law. M. de Cagliostro still in the Bastille; has published his memoirs; worthy of being printed with the Arabian Nights. Affectionate messages from Franklin's friends. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 40.**

From **The Archbishop of Bordeaux.** 1786. March 18. Bordeaux.

Desiring the Cross of Cincinnatus for his brother, le Comte de Champion de Cicé, who commanded a vessel in the squadron of the Comte de Grasse; believes him to be the only Captain who has not

received the American order. Often applies to Mme. Helvétius and the Abbés [Chalut and Arnoux] for news of Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 41.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. March 18. New York.

Safe arrival of the type; obliged to pay duty in spite of the certificates sent him by Franklin; imperfections in the type; ancient appearance of certain letters; suggested improvements. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 42.**

From **John Smith.** 1786. March 20. Philadelphia.

Desiring him to appoint a time to examine the accounts of the estate of Robert Smith, deceased. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 43.**

From **Henry Remsen.** 1786. March 27. New York.

Forwarding a letter from John Sargent. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 44.**

From **The Associates of Dr. Bray.** 1786. April 4. London.

Sending a power of attorney in order that Franklin may assist Mr. [Francis] Hopkinson in carrying out what they think best on behalf of the Associates of Dr. Bray. A. L. S. Tho[ma]s Lyttelton, Sec[retar]y. **XXXIV, 45.**

From **Espivent de La Villesboisnet.** 1786. April 5. Nantes.

Advantage to commerce of a mutual knowledge in France and America of the most trustworthy business houses in those two countries. Debt owing him for eight years by George Digges of Maryland; begs Franklin to remind him of this fact. Desires information as to the late transactions of the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 46.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1786. April 5. Boston.

Sending Franklin, by Colonel Hurd, the first volume of their Academy [of Arts and Sciences] Memoirs. Thanks for Dr. [John] Jeffries's account of his aerial voyage from England to France which was read at the last meeting; will return it, agreeable to Franklin's request. Hopes to see him in Boston. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 47.**

From **John Rainey.** 1786. April 5. King's Bench Prison, London.

Account of his business ventures during the war and the large sums of paper money he deposited with the Loan Office of Philadelphia. His arrest and imprisonment due to a debt he owes a Madeira house; hears that his certificates have been attached and proceedings started against him in America; begs Franklin's interference in such an illegal piece of business. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIV, 48.**

From [**Madame Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1786. April 13. Paris.

Her sorrow at Franklin's absence lightened by the news of his improved health. Thanking him for the beautiful skins. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 49.**

From **John Wright.** 1786. April 14. [London?]

Sending him [Matthew] Dobson, on Fixed Air, with Appendix by [William] Falconer. Franklin's departure from Europe deprived him of the hope of seeing him once again in this life. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 50.**

From **T[homas] Barker.** 1786. April 16. Edenton.

Unable to write himself owing to the wretched state of his eyes. Congratulating him on his safe arrival; hopes one day to pay his respects in person. Desires a certain receipt which Franklin took charge of for him at Passy. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Franklin. Extract from the proceedings at the Old Bailey in the trial of Criminals, as a text on which to amplify in his ensuing discourse. **XXXIV, 51.**

From **David Barclay.** 1786. April 17. London.

American credit at a very low ebb in Europe; many just complaints of non-payment of old debts to British subjects. News of Thomas Collinson. Mr. [Matthew] Boulton and his partner, [James] Watt, deeply concerned in the improvement of steam-engines. Description of a simple method of raising water out of a well by means of a rope thrown over two wheels. Recommending the bearer to Franklin's notice. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIV, 53.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. April 18. New York.

Acknowledging his favor of the 26th ult. together with the types; desires Mr. [Richard] Bache to order for him forty reams of royal printing paper. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 54.**

From **John Mason.** 1786. April 20. Philadelphia.

Has constructed a model for a steam boat which he desires to show him in private; desires to obtain a sufficient subscription to repeat this model on a large scale; should he receive encouragement in the above purpose, proposes to turn his attention towards making the Schuylkill navigable. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 55.**

From **Mathew Carey.** 1786. April 20. Philadelphia.

Presenting Franklin with a copy of the debates and proceedings of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania on the subject of the bank; claims indulgence for it as America's maiden attempt. Will be glad to do any job for him, however trifling. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 56.**

From **Comtesse Benyowsky.** 1786. April 21. Baltimore.

Her husband, greatly impoverished through loans made to Madagascar, decided to absent himself from France during M. de Castries's unfavorable administration; the efforts he is at present making to regain a part of his fortune; expects his return from Madagascar in two months; meanwhile is living in strict retirement with her children; will reserve the rest of her story for their meeting. Introducing M. Borger. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 57.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. April 21. Passy.

Reproaches for not having written since October. Sale of Franklin's piano-forte; disposition made of the money. Offer made by *La Loge des Neuf Soeurs* of a prize of six hundred livres for a Eulogy on Franklin; the exclusion of the brothers from the competition met with the strongest opposition. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 58.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1786. April 21. Versailles.

Reasons for his delay in sending Franklin the roe-deer; after the severe winter just past, fears the effect on them of a long voyage; proposes waiting until September and then send a half-dozen. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 58½.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1786. April 25. Boston.

Describes the reason why the [Crown] soap is so brittle; refers him for further particulars to Mrs. [Jane] Mecom's next letter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 169.**

From **Henry Drinker.** 1786. April 26.

Sending him a quantity of the Uva Ursi, which has just been gathered for his use. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIV, 59.**

From **Anthony Armbruster.** 1786. April 26. Germantown.

Petitioning Franklin again to take pity on his age and infirmities. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 60.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1786. April 28. Richmond.

Interested in the success of his friend [William] Temple [Franklin]; thinks Virginia is a country where much may be done with some ready money; if nothing solid offers for him, will do what he can for him in Virginia. Wrote to Petersburg concerning [Josiah] Flagg, can easily provide him with a clerkship; so far has heard nothing about him. Recommending the bearer, Mr. Jacobson, of Gothenburg. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 61.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. April 28. New York.

Account of imperfections in the type. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 62.**

From **Comtesse Benyowsky.** 1786. May 2. Baltimore.

Rumor of the massacre of her husband together with his entire crew by the natives of Madagascar; promised to await his return in America; can do nothing until the report is confirmed or denied; begs Franklin to write to Europe for trustworthy information. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 64.**

From **M[artin] Ehlers.** 1786. May 3. Kiel.

His veneration and admiration for Franklin; takes this opportunity of his brother's departure for America to send him his work entitled *Winke für Gute Fursten* as well as some other writings of which a list is appended. America's promising situation as regards religious toleration. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXIV, 65.**

From **Daniel Roberdeau.** 1786. May 4. Alexandria.

Concerning the farm which he offered to sell him; prefers that he should get his information concerning it from an outsider; if it appears satisfactory, will be glad to treat with him about terms. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 66.**

From **John Dixon.** 1786. May 9. Richmond.

Requesting his aid in obtaining the position of Postmaster at Richmond. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 67.**

From [**Charles**] **Biddle.** 1786. May 11. Philadelphia.

Will wait upon him in the morning; Mr. Balliot will not leave town till the afternoon. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIV, 68.**

From [**Earl of**] **Buchan.** 1786. May 13. Kirkhill.

Introducing a mathematician and astronomer, Dr. [Walter] Minto, a gentleman likely to prove a very useful accession to the mathematical department of America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 69.**

From **Eliza**[**beth**] **Partridge.** 1786. May 14. Boston.

Chagrined at not receiving one line from him in answer to her letters; sensibly affected by his coldness; desires to know if she has in any way offended him; expressions of regard and affection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 70.**

From **Baron de Rottenbourg.** 1786. May 15. Lausanne.

Asking for information respecting some land in the State of New York, owned by his brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Williams, lately deceased. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 71.**

From **La Société Patriotique.** 1786. May 15. Milan.

Asks Franklin to become a corresponding member of the Society and invites the American Philosophical Society to correspond with it, particularly on the subject of agriculture. A. L. S. Charles Amoretti. Secretary. 4 p. (In French.) **LXIX, 113.**

From **Cha[rles] Thomson.** 1786. May 15. New York.

Sending an extract from the contract made at Versailles, February 21, 1782, wherein are recapitulated the preceding aids granted by the King to the United States, and they are distinguished according to their different classes; discrepancy between M. [Ferdinand] Grand's account and the enclosed extract. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 72.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. May 16. Passy.

Proclaiming in his own name and the names of his family their respect and love for Franklin, in order that he may not feign ignorance of their sentiments. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 73.**

From **John Jay.** 1786. May 17. New York.

Acknowledging his letter of the 16th inst. by Mr. Whital; will immediately lay his case before M. [Diego de] Gardoqui. Thanking him for the portraits of Mr. [David] Hartley. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 74.**

From **John Jay.** 1786. May 19. New York.

Enclosing a letter from M. [Diego] Gardoqui on the subject of Mr. Whital's application. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 76.**

From [**Benjamin**] **Chew.** [*Circa* 1786.] May 19.

Invites him to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 244.**

From **General** [**Henry**] **Knox.** [*Circa* 1786.] May 21.

Accepting the President's invitation for Thursday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 199.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. May 23. Passy.

Rejoiced at the prospect of America paying her debts. Concerning the port of Trincomali on the Island of Ceylon where his brother was Commandant; probability of England getting possession of it. Trial of the Cardinal [de Rohan]; reasons for thinking him merely the dupe of Mme. de La Motte Valois; deprived of his rank by the Pope; quotes quatrain written on the subject. Implores Franklin again to write his memoirs. Messages for his grandsons. Acknowledging the ham. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 77.**

From **Noah Webster, Jr.** 1786. May 24. New York.

Concerning his project of reforming the English alphabet; encloses a plan [1 p.] for reducing the orthography of the language to perfect regularity; submits it to Franklin for adoption, amendment or rejection; if he approves it, desires him to lay it before Congress; America ripe for all reforms; asks permission to dedicate his lectures to Franklin; begs him to recommend the ["Grammatical] Institute [of the English Language." 3 parts, Hartford, 1783–5.] A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 78.**

From [**Col.**] **D[avid] Humphreys.** 1786. May 24. New York.

Announcing his arrival; is the bearer of many compliments and friendly messages from Franklin's friends in France. News of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson. Forwarded from London a poem by Mr. [William] Bingham. Hopes to wait upon him in a few weeks; expects to visit Boston and Mount Vernon. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 79.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1786. May 24. London.

Has received no letter from Franklin since December; the newspapers never came to hand; desires to receive about once in three months a box of newspapers and Journals of Congress; begs Franklin to recommend him to a printer who will undertake the commission. Messages to friends in America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 80.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. May 26. New York.

Has sent the fount of St. Augustine by Capt. Hyde; begs him to return the Philosophic, after weighing both. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 81.**

From **Patrick Wilson.** 1786. May 27. Glasgow University.

Introducing Dr. Minto, a gentleman of professional merit and the greatest proficiency in mathematics. Messages from his father and other friends. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 82.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1786. May 31. Paris.

Franklin's letter to M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard gave him the greatest pleasure; delighted at the present state of affairs in America; congratulates the country on avoiding anarchy and despotism. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 83.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1786. June 1. Passy.

Liberation of de Rohan; exiled to his estate in Auvergne; Count and Countess de Cagliostro likewise free; Mme. de la Motte Valois condemned to be beaten, branded, shaved and imprisoned; sentences passed on her confederates; takes exception to the sympathy lavished upon de Rohan. Account of the King's first journey; enthusiasm along his route. Asks permission to print that part of Franklin's letter which refers to the lies appearing in the English newspapers. Publication of Franklin's paper[1] on Executive Justice; combats his statement that it is better for one thousand guilty to escape than for one innocent man to be condemned. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 84.**

[1] Observations on a late publication entitled Thoughts on Executive Justice, to which is added a letter containing remarks on the same work. London, I. Cadell, 1786. (See Ford's Franklin Bibliography, Brooklyn, 1889, p. 177.)

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1786. June 1. Sannois.

Recommending to Franklin's goodness, the bearer, one who hopes for better fortune in America than he has experienced in France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 85.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. June 2. New York.

His plan to print a pocket and family almanac for the next year; desires Franklin's advice; very busy at present; hopes by the end of the week to render him a minute and just account of the office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 86.**

From **A—— B——.** 1786. June 3. Philadelphia.

Asks him to pass judgment on his invention of a boat which is unsinkable. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLIV, 77.**

From **W[illia]m Nixon.** 1786. June 5. [Philadelphia.]

Prevented the previous day from waiting on Franklin by a sudden attack of illness; begs him to send the promised approbation of his plan for facilitating the Latin language. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 87.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1786. June 6. London.

Congratulating him on his safe return to America and regretting that it did not take place sooner; believes his moderation and sound

judgment would have prevented many wild and extravagant acts. Highly approves of Franklin's suggested reforms of the Book of Common Prayer; great praise due their young Minister [William Pitt]; his suppression of smuggling and the wisdom of the taxes imposed; an uninterrupted competition between Nations the true source of improvement and mutual benefit. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 88.**

From **Thomas Paine.** 1786. June 6. Bordentown.

Introducing Mr. Hall, who carries with him the other two models for a bridge, one of wood and the other of cast iron; desires Franklin's opinion and judgment thereon; these bridges leave the river clear of the incumbrance of piers; comparison of the two models; designed the wooden bridge to span the Harlem river; suggests a bridge being erected across the Schuylkill on the plan of the iron model; hopes to see Franklin shortly and discuss the subject further. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXXIV, 89.**

From **R[ichard] Caswell.** 1786. June 7. Kinston, North Carolina.

The Assembly passed an Act to restore Mr. [Edward] Bridgen his property. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 90.**

From **W[illiam] Alexander.** 1786. June 10. Richmond.

Concerning a piece of business undertaken by him for Franklin's old servant, Nicolas La Fargue. Requests him to deliver the securities upon La Fargue returning his obligation with an acknowledgment on the back that his trust is discharged. If his friend Billy [William Temple Franklin] has nothing to do, would be glad to see him in Richmond. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 90½.**

From **Carl Friderich Schilling von Canstadt.**

1786. June 12. Hohenweltersbach near Durlach, Suabia.

Wishes to acquire an estate in America for one of his children. Is there danger from incursion of savages? Is there spiritual and moral liberty? Suggestions to America for the encouragement of emigration. Mentions Ludwig Baisch, a Philadelphia merchant, also Messrs. Bertsch and Mayer of the same place. A. L. S. 7 p. (In German.) **LIX, 71.**

Abstract of the same. L. 2 p. **XXXIV, 91.**

From ——— **Chaumont.** 1786. June 14.

Account of his new invention, a kind of wig, which has the natural appearance of growing hair; honored with the approbation of the Academy, begs for a like favor from Franklin. A. N. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 92.**

From **Don Luis Medina.** 1786. June 15.

Regrets not being able to dine with him; obliged to leave for New York at once to report the distressed situation of his ship. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIV, 93.**

From **William Cocke.** 1786. June 15. State of Franklin.

Concerning a new State separate from North Carolina to be called Franklin;[1] desires to know the date of the next meeting of Congress that the affair may be placed before them for their decision. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 94.**

[1] [Afterward Tennessee.]
Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 260; Bigelow, IX, 318).

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. June 16. New York.

Sending the promised list of the imperfections in the type [2 p.]; mention of types shipped to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 95.**

From [**Julien David**] **Le Roy.** 1786. June 20. Paris.

The effect on his work of Franklin's interest and encouragement; sends him the results of his investigations concerning the kind of boats most suitable for navigating rivers; encloses a copy for the [American] Philosophical Society of Philadelphia; his desire to become a member and to see these studies printed in their Proceedings. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 95½.**

From **Marquis de Chastellux.** 1786. June 21. Paris.

The respect and admiration with which he regards Franklin and his achievements. His motives for translating the poem of Col. Humphreys; its flattering reception by the public, but especially by the King and Queen; has taken the liberty to dedicate this work to Franklin; difficulties encountered in making such a translation. Desires to be

remembered to various ladies in Philadelphia, especially to Mrs. Robert Morris, Mrs. [Samuel] Meredith, Miss Cadwalader [daughter of Dr. Thomas Cadwalader], and Mrs. [John] Craig. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 95¾.**

From **The Town of Franklin** [Massachusetts]. 1786. June 22.

Acknowledgment of a gift of a parish library. A. L. S. Nathaniel Emmons, Hezekiah Fisher, Committee. 1 p. **LV, 101.**

From **Tench Coxe.** [*Circa* 1786.] June 22. Philadelphia.

Relative to American manufactures. A. L. S. 7 p. **XLVIII, 64.**

From **Noah Webster, Jr.** 1786. June 23. New Haven.

Happy that his plan of reforming the alphabet meets with his approval; has engagements to lecture in Boston and Portsmouth; desires to confer with him on the subject; fixes September or October for his visit to Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 96.**

From [**Charles**] **Biddle.** [1786?] June 23.

Desires to see Mr. [John] Adams's letter, containing the objections made to delivering up the posts in America. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 87.**

From [**L.**] **Carles.** 1786. June 30. St. Domingo.

His brother Masons join in his request for a letter of recommendation to the Comte de la Luzerne. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXXIV, 98.**

From **St. John de Crevecoeur.** 1786. July 1. Caen.

Both he and the Marquis de la Fayette disappointed at not seeing M. Dejean appointed Agent for Georgia; hopes with Franklin's influence, that he may once more dwell in his home at Detroit in peace and security. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 99.**

From **David Kennedy.** 1786. July 3. Philadelphia.

Making an appointment for a meeting of the Board of Property at Franklin's house. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 100.**

From **John Churchman.** 1786. July 3. Philadelphia.

Desiring Franklin's approbation of his plan to explore the country along the Susquehannah, with a view to an improved inland navigation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 101.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. July 8. New York.

Business of the printing office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 102.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1786. July 10. Bellchampe.

His son, in business at Marseilles, desires the position of American Consul at that port. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 103.**

From **Countess Benyowsky.** [1786.] July 12. Baltimore.

Still in a state of suspense as to the fate of her husband; has received, from London, a denial of the reported catastrophe. Account of her children. Her friendship with Madame Lenox. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 138.**

From **L. H. de Vetrimetmann[?].** 1786. July 15. St. Crux.

Congratulates him on his safe return to his native land, and wishes that Heaven may grant America, for a series of years, the enjoyment of the wise counsels of her greatest philosopher and politician. Recommends Mr. Isaac Hartman to his attention. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLIV, 78.**

From **Paul Froman.** 1786. July 15. Philadelphia.

His grandfather, Solomon Froman, fled from France and forfeited a considerable estate, owing to the persecution of the protestants in the reign of Louis XIV; informed of an edict lately issued promising to the posterity of those who fled a restitution of their estates; begs for information on this point. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 104.**

From **Christian Febiger.** 1786. July 17.

Applying for the office of Auctioneer for the Northern Libertys; several gentlemen of note who can testify to his fitness for the position. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 105.**

From **Anthony Stickney.** 1786. July 22. Chester, N. H.

Introducing Rev. Robert Annar of Boston. Reminds Franklin of their kinship; called his only son Benjamin Franklin; cannot afford to give him the education which Franklin's relative and namesake ought to receive. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 106.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1786. July 26. Paris.

Overjoyed at his improved health. Delighted to see his paper on stoves and his observations on the construction, speed, etc., of vessels; his brother flattered at Franklin's remembering his work. Experiments in balloons; tragic death of the unfortunate Pilâtre de Rozier; Blanchard's ascensions; descriptions of aerial experiments by a new man, Tétu; interesting work on the construction of balloons by M. [Jean Baptiste Marie] Meusnier; his many curious experiments. Excellent service performed by lightning rods. Analysis of water by French chemists. Encloses a letter for Mme. Benyowsky; rumor of her husband being massacred was false. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 106½.**

From **Lavaysse, Puchelberg & Co.** 1786. July 26. L'Orient.

Announcing the shipment of various boxes. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 107.**

From **David Barclay.** 1786. July 31. Youngsbury, Hertfordshire.

Unnecessary to recommend to Franklin, Richard Penn, a man whom he already esteems; trusts Mr. Penn will obtain for his family what justice seems to demand. The non-payment of British debts has brought a stain on the new States. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 109.**

From **Edward Bridgen.** 1786. August 2. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's influence which helped to recover his estate; debts due Bridgen & Waller still under confiscation; begs him to say a word in their favor; took the liberty of inserting the paper Franklin enclosed in the *General Advertiser* and in the *Gentleman's Magazine*. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXIV, 110, 110½ and XLIV, 79.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. August 5. New York.

Business of the printing office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 111.**

From **J[ohn] Rutledge.** 1786. August 7. Charleston.

Introducing Mr. [William] Drayton. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 112.**

From **Mathew Carey.** 1786. August 9. Philadelphia.

Voicing the desire of the proprietors of the Columbian Magazine to introduce, in the first numbers of their work, an account of Franklin's life; understands that Franklin has some memoirs written at an early period; desires a perusal of them in order that he may make his narrative as perfect as possible. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 113.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1786. August 12. Bellchampe.

Enclosing two letters, one for the President, and the other for Congress, his object being to obtain the Consulship at Marseilles for his son; thinks his services to America give him some claim to this honor. Valuable present of trees and seeds from Col. [James] Wadsworth of Connecticut; personal attention he gives to sowing, planting, etc. Sends a few newspapers with accounts of the White boys in his county. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 114.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1786. August 13. London.

Acknowledging Franklin's most acceptable present of the New American Prayer-book. Has forwarded him a manuscript copy of a method, proposed by himself, of establishing a paper currency, which will not be liable to depreciation; explains its nature. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXIV, 118 and 119.**

From **[Pierre Samuel] Du Pont [de Nemours].** 1786. August 14. Paris.

Introducing the bearer, [John] Bourne, who married one of his English cousins, Mlle. [Anne] Du Pont, and sailed with her for America; the young couple are neither rich nor poor; Mr. Bourne is intelligent and hard-working; begs Franklin to assist them with counsel and with letters of recommendation. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 120.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1786. August 14. London.

Enclosing the memoirs of Dr. [John] Fothergill. Plans for pursuing the study of Natural History in America; possibility of Mr. Humphry Marshall undertaking such a voyage of discovery. Cultivation of rhubarb. **XXXIV, 122.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 267; Bigelow, IX, 334).

From **Mariamne Williams.** 1786. August 15. London.

Cannot let Mrs. [Mary] Hewson leave England without writing Franklin a few lines. Fortunate settlement of her uncle [Alexander John Alexander]'s affairs. News of Franklin's improved state of health. Messages to the family. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 122½.**

From ——— **Coyand.** 1786. August 16. Rochefort.

Understands that America needs cloth or woolen manufactories; offers his services as Superintendent of such works; willing to bring his workmen over with him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 123.**

From **A[lexander] J[ohn] Alexander.** 1786. August 16. London.

Cannot let Mrs. [Mary] Hewson leave the country without a line to him. Satisfactory settlement of the disagreeable business in Paris in which he was engaged. Approves of Gen. Washington's plan to receive no pecuniary compensation; prophesies for him a great renown. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 124.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1786. August 19. London.

Concerning the New American Prayer-book; reports of unjustifiable changes made in the Liturgy by the American Convention; great offense given to the English Bishops; this might have been avoided, had the Archbishops received a short general description of the New Liturgy; his criticism on the changes made; his belief that the English Bishops will be still sincerely inclined to promote the welfare of the Episcopal Church in America. Question of the election of candidates for the Episcopal Office in Virginia and New York; criticizes this method. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 125.**

From **Grace Anna Newenham.** 1786. August 21. Bellchampe.

Solicits Franklin's aid in obtaining for her son the position of American Consul at Marseilles. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 126.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. August 21. Passy.

Apologizes to Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson; judged his article on the negroes by hearsay; finds it intelligent and just. Excitement created by the memoir of M. du Paty in favor of three men condemned to be broken on the wheel. Concerning the great law-suit of M. Linguet, who, it is said, will plead his own cause. Bad reports of America's paper currency. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 127.**

From **Theophylact Bache.** 1786. August 22. New York.

Hopes his brother [Richard Bache] is better of the fever and ague. News of Mrs. Bache's niece, Eliza. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 128.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. August 24. New York.

His reasons for not being able to fulfill his engagement to Franklin; desires to postpone payment till October. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 129.**

From [**Charles**] **Arthaud.** 1786. August 25. Cap François.

Gave the Club ["Cercle des Philadelphes"] the volume of Transactions of the [American] Philosophical Society; enthusiasm evoked by Franklin's consent to have his name enrolled on their list of members; sends two copies of a work, one of which is intended for the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 130.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1786. August 29. New York.

Has heard through Mr. Swain that his letter of the 24th inst. did not give satisfaction; promises to make every effort to collect the money due; hopes in a short time to make a considerable remittance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 131.**

From **Lieut. Dejean.** 1786. September 3. Boston.

Enclosing letters from the Countess d'Houdetot and St. John de Crevecoeur; prevented from waiting on Franklin by important business; begs for a letter of recommendation to Governor Bowdoin or any other

of Franklin's friends in Boston. Is a Lieutenant in the French navy; nature of his business in Boston; impossible for him to return to Detroit until the British have evacuated it; the Commander has possession of his house there and his family are in the greatest distress. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 133.**

From **Thomas Wight, Jr.** 1786. September 3. Bermingham.

Desiring to know the fate of John Tyler, who received from Franklin some advice before sailing for Philadelphia; a small legacy owing him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 134.**

From **William Smith.** 1786. September 4. Chester, Maryland.

Introducing his second son, Thomas, who studied medicine under Dr. Thomas Bond; his disinclination to follow his profession; desires Franklin to support his application for the position of Prothonotary of the new county to be taken out of Bedford County. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 135.**

From **John Fitch.** 1786. September 4. Philadelphia.

Offering the model of a steam-engine to the [American] Philosophical Society; though it cost one hundred dollars, is willing to take for it what the Society may offer; mentions some of the defects in the machinery; convinced that a vessel may be propelled through the water by means of such an engine; has undertaken this work upon a large scale; fears the money raised will be insufficient. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 136.**

From [**François**] **Barbé de Marbois.** 1786. September 5. Philadelphia.

Understood from Franklin that the merchants and other tradesmen who have always looked upon themselves as French subjects would be excused from service in the militia; encloses a list of them. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 137.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.** 1786. September 5. London.

Franklin's philosophical works out of print in England, also the political volume published by Mr. B[enjamin] Vaughan; determination of Mr. [Charles] Dilly and one or two other eminent booksellers to publish a new and elegant edition of all of Franklin's works which can be procured in time; the material which they have so far collected; begs

him to add to it any papers he may desire published, as well as any details of his life, to render more accurate the biographical sketch which is to be included. Commercial treaty so far advanced that both Courts conceive there is no danger of its miscarrying; not the smallest probability of any such treaty between England and the United States; Mr. [John] Adams far from pleased with his situation. Chance of his visiting America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 138.**

From [**The Earl of**] **Buchan.** 1786. September 5. Edinburgh.

Recommending to his particular attention Mr. Phineas Bond [Jr.], who is setting out for America as Commissary for commercial affairs through the United States and as Consul for the Middle States; Mr. Bond is a relative of his sister-in-law, [Frances Moore] the wife of Counsellor [Thomas, subsequently Lord] Erskine, and his brother's great friend. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 139.**

From **Ebenezer Guilde** *et al.* 1786. September 8. Franklin, Mass.

Concerning Franklin's gift to their town of a valuable collection of books; action of certain individuals in the town who construed Dr. Franklin's letter to mean that the enjoyment of this gift should be limited to the members of one church; their object in writing is to find out if this was really his meaning. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 140.**

From **Rufus King.** 1786. September 9. Philadelphia.

Regretting that an engagement of Mrs. King will prevent his dining with Dr. Franklin on the following Thursday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIV, 141.**

From **Josiah Flagg.** 1786. September 12. Boston.

Gloomy aspect of affairs; business at a stand owing to the late illegal conventions; the Supreme Court at Worcester prevented by a mob from proceeding with their business; trouble promised at Concord; efforts to suppress the Court expected; coercive measures first adopted by Governor Bowdoin against the mob have been changed to more conciliatory methods; thinks Franklin's well-known good advice may have a salutary effect and perhaps prevent the impending anarchy and confusion. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 142.**

From **Andrew Strahan.** 1786. September 15. London.

News of the various members of his family. Has procured for Franklin a copy of Cook's last voyage which, together with a copy of his second voyage, he begs Franklin to accept from him. Has found only one letter written by Franklin to his father in typographical terms; encloses a copy of it. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 143.**

From **Lieut. Dejean.** 1786. September 16. Boston.

Left France with the promise of a commission as Agent for the French navy in America; does not know what will become of him if the Marquis de Castries should fail to send it; his efforts to be employed as Agent at New London until he receives word from France; begs Franklin for letters of recommendation to friends in Boston. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 144.**

From **Chevalier de Goÿon du Vauronault.** 1786. September 18. Brest.

His claims to the Order of Cincinnatus; begs Franklin to obtain this grace for him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 145.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1786. September 18. Philadelphia.

In answer to Franklin's inquiries, states that during his residence as a merchant at Nantes, he was subjected to militia duty, quartering of troops and to town taxes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 171.**

From **Henry Royle.** 1786. September 23.

Was one of the persons who deputed Henry Wild, of Manchester, a cotton manufacturer, to apply to Franklin for passports to America in the year 1780; progress made in calico printing; condition of a manufactory erected at Darby, near Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 146.**

From **Ja[me]s Hughes.** 1786. September 25. Manchester.

Laying before Franklin a plan for the establishment of manufactures in America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 147.**

From **Cha[rle]s Mason.** 1786. September 27. Philadelphia.

Has a wife, seven sons and one daughter, all in a very helpless condition, owing to his having been confined to his bed ever since his arrival in Philadelphia, twelve days before; sends Franklin a description of an astronomical design which could be put in execution for a trifling expense. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Franklin. "Dead soon after." **XXXIV, 148.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1786. October 3. London.

Chances of another war between England and America; hopes there will be found many pacific compromises short of war. Thanks Franklin for his order to the New York printer for newspapers and Congressional Reports. Hopes soon to hear of the report of the Convention of Delegates for Commerce; agrees with Franklin that foreign commerce is premature in all new and rising states. News of his family. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 149.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. October 5. New York.

Business of the printing office. Franklin's indulgence in waiting. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 150.**

From **Timothy Pickering.** 1786. October 8. Philadelphia.

Concerning his petition to Council for the office of Prothonotary for the County of Luzerne, as well as Clerk of the Sessions and Clerk of the Orphans' Court; plot to postpone these appointments until several of the present members shall have gone home; begs Franklin's attendance in Council the next day at ten o'clock, that the question may be decided at once. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 151.**

From [**Rev.**] **Peter Miller.** 1786. October 10. Ephrata.

Returning Franklin's learned letters on philosophical subjects. Disquisition on vocal music and on the beauty of the human voice; effect on the voice of human co-habitation; voices in convents. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 152.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. October 12. New York.

Business connected with the printing office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 153.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1786. October 15. Passy.

Acknowledging his election as a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; will do his best to merit such an honor. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 154.**

From [**Gen.**] **Char**[**le**]**s Pettit.** 1786. October 18. New York.

Dangerous and critical situation of Massachusetts; causes of the late insurrections; claims made by the insurgents; organized army of ten thousand men said to be in readiness; Congress likely to pass a Resolution for the augmentation of troops; desires Franklin's advice and urges the utmost secrecy. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 155.**

From **Robert Levers.** 1786. October 21. Easton.

Understands that there is a disposition in the Supreme Executive Council to make a change in the Prothonotaryship of Northampton County; has devoted himself to the duties of this office since 1777; is now sixty-three years old with a family dependent on him for support; asks that he may be continued in office. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 156.**

From ——— **Meade.** 1786. October 23. Philadelphia.

Begging Franklin to sign the papers and return them to bearer. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXIV, 157.**

From [**Gen.**] **Charles Pettit.** 1786. October 23. New York.

The Acts of Congress in connection with the disorders in Massachusetts will be communicated to Franklin by the Secretary; intention of Congress to keep secret their most urgent motives for these Acts; encloses an account of these motives for Franklin's perusal; method decided upon for raising money. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 158.**

From **Abraham Whipple.** 1786. October 25. New York.

Concerning his application to the Navy Board for repayment of money expended for extra stores on behalf of eleven gentlemen passengers, who came to America on board his vessel by order of Dr. Franklin; gives their names; the money will be granted him provided he can obtain Franklin's certificate that such orders did exist or were given. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIV, 159.**

From **Peter Hasenclever.** 1786. October 25. Landeshutt, Silesia.

Acknowledging Franklin's aid in obtaining the payment of a bill of exchange; account of the entire business. Death of their King [Frederick the Great]; description of his good deeds; his successor, Frederick William II, following in his footsteps. The approaching marriage of the Archduke Fran[ci]s [I, of Austria] and the Princess of Würtemberg. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 160.**

From **Joseph Donath.** 1786. October 27. Philadelphia.

Offering to sell Franklin a case of Tokay wine just received from Vienna. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 161.**

From [**Dr.**] **Tho[mas] Percival.** 1786. October 27. Manchester.

Acknowledgment of his letter and of the volume of American Philosophical Transactions intended for their Literary [and Philosophical] Society. Necessity of adopting measures to purify the air of Manchester. Medical school established at Manchester, also an institution similar to the late Academy at Warrington. Dr. Priestley engaged in attempts to convert the Jews. Dr. [Andrew] Kippis busy with a life of Capt. [James] Cook. Dr. Price's grief at his wife's death; volumes he is preparing for publication. New Pharmacopoeia presented by the College of Physicians in London. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIV, 163.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 273; Bigelow, IX, 344).

From **Noah Webster, Jr.** 1786. October 28. Hartford.

Success of his lecturing tour; very much in need of money for the winter; unable to afford a trip to Philadelphia; chance of a subscription being obtained for a repetition of his lectures in Philadelphia; possibility of his obtaining the professorship of oratory at the University of Pennsylvania, offered to him once before by President [John] Ewing; begs Franklin to assist him in carrying out one or the other of the above plans. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 162.**

From **Sarah Pascall** [*Circa* 1786.] October. Philadelphia.

Asking for pecuniary assistance until she can procure a position as housekeeper. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 118.**

From [Col.] **D[avid] Humphreys.** 1786. November 1. New Haven.

Recommending Mr. [Samuel] Austin and Mr. [Jedediah] Morse, young clergymen, who are making a tour of the Southern States. Matters still very serious in Massachusetts; everything in confusion in Rhode Island on account of paper money; in his own state, little or nothing is done to aid the Federal Government; fears for the future. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXIV, 164.**

From **M[ichae]l Hillegas.** 1786. November 2. Philadelphia.

Reminding Franklin of a letter of recommendation he wrote some time during the Revolution on behalf of Mr. John Francis Beyerlé [de Facherest]; is not able at present to lay his hands on the above-mentioned letter as he is about to set out for New York. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 165.**

From **George C. Fox & Sons.** 1786. November 4. Falmouth.

Sending enclosed a letter from Edward Bridgen, Esq., which came too late for the last packet; have intrusted it to the care of Dr. [Caspar] Wistar of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 166.**

From **C[atherine] L[ouisa] Shipley.** 1786. November 13. Chilbolton.

Acknowledging the packet Franklin sent them in May. His letter forwarded to Georgiana [Shipley Hare]; thinks it probable he may see her the following spring. News of her family. The King's escape from an attempt made to assassinate him; congratulatory addresses sent him by his loyal subjects; encloses a copy of her father's address [2 p.]. Has had the precious lock of hair cut from Franklin's head, set in a bracelet locket. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXIV, 167.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1786. November 15. Bellchampe.

Hopes of gaining the coveted office for his son. Elections in Dublin. His address against permitting the Irish army to be sent to America has never been forgiven by the enemies of American Independence. Treaty with France; Ireland little favored by it; duties on claret. Fall in stocks. Affairs in Holland; recriminating manifesto of the Duke of Brunswick. Affair of the tythes in southern Ireland; question concerning taxes and laws in America; surprised that bishops should be allowed there. Disapproves of America splitting up into so many little states.

No freedom in the Irish press; plan to establish a weekly magazine where certain truths may be set forth. English bribes; Irish dishonor. Splendid harvest; price of food-stuffs. News of Mr. [Silas] Deane and Lord Charlemont. News of his family. Corruption in the English army. Sketches his own character and principles; part his wife has played in their griefs and losses; apologizes for his egotism. Description of an entertainment he is giving in honor of a Frenchman, M. De Launay d'Artillieres. A. L. S. 10 p. **XXXIV, 168.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1786. November 19. Passy.

Sent the books to Messrs. de la Rochefoucauld, de Malesherbes and de Barbançon; returns their acknowledgments to Franklin. Passy at present a desert; no one left but M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont and himself. Affectionate messages and pleadings for news. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 169.**

From **John Morgan, Jr.** 1786. November 20. Prospect.

Begging Franklin's acceptance, on his father's part, of a small box of honey in the comb. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 171.**

From **Comte de Barbançon.** 1786. November 24. Paris.

Thanking him for the catalogue. M. le Duc d'Orléans desires to have two boxes of seeds sent him from America, to be planted in April, 1787; wishes a box on his own account; begs Franklin to recommend a botanist who will carry out this commission in the most careful manner possible. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 172.**

From **William Nixon.** 1786. November 24. Savannah.

Franklin's letter on his behalf to General [Anthony] Wayne has been extremely successful; has a school which brings him in near three hundred pounds sterling a year; informed of a report circulated in Charleston accusing him of forging the letter of recommendation to Gen. Wayne; begs Franklin to write a line to Judge Burke, of Charleston refuting this accusation. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXIV, 173.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont fils.** 1786. November 27. Philadelphia.

Will call on Franklin that day, in order to examine and correct the error mentioned. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 173½.**

From **Marquis de Chastellux.** 1786. December 1. Paris.

Recommending Major Lattier, an Irishman in the service of France. Five months before, forwarded the two volumes of his travels to America; if Franklin has troubled himself to read them, desires his opinion thereon. Received two months before a diploma [of Doctor of Laws (conferred in 1782)] from the Academy of Philadelphia addressed to him by Franklin, which he desires to acknowledge. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 173¾.**

From **Ezra Stiles.** 1786. December 4. Yale College.

Fear of trespassing on Franklin's time the reason of these late congratulations on his return to America; wrote a number of letters to him during his Embassy in Paris but never received any answers. His great respect and esteem for Franklin. The bearer of this, Mr. [Noah] Webster [Jr.], has had great success in New Haven with his lectures. Many subjects on which he would be glad of Franklin's opinion. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 174.**

From [**Sir**] **Jos[eph] Banks.** 1786. December 6. London.

Acknowledging the Transactions of the [American] Philosophical Society, which were duly presented to the Royal Society. Perfect harmony reigning at present in the Royal Society. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXIV, 175.**

From [**Gov.**] **Edm[und] Randolph.** 1786. December 6. Richmond.

His anxiety for the well-being of the Federal Government must be his excuse for sending the enclosed Act of their Legislature and for repeating his request that Franklin would give his serious attention to the present American crisis. Enumerates the gentlemen appointed by Virginia for the Convention at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 176.**

From **Thomas McKean.** 1786. December 9. Philadelphia.

Announcing that five gentlemen have been appointed to wait upon Franklin and request his name and patronage for a German College proposed to be erected in the Borough of Lancaster. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 177.**

From **Abbés Chalut and Arnoux.** 1786. December 9. Paris.

Acknowledging the three cakes of vegetable soap. The consolation they derive from contemplating the joys of a free country like America. Wide-spread regret at Franklin's departure from France. Reflections on the state of affairs in Holland. Reminding him of the desire of their friend M. Humbert Gerbier to be elected a member of the [American] Philosophical Society. Sent the portrait of the late Abbé de Mably to Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson, who promised to deliver it to Franklin. Message to Franklin's grandson. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.)
XXXIV, 178.

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1786. December 10.

Her unalterable affection and friendship. Illness of her husband and children; misses his wise and helpful philosophy. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 10.**

From **Ann Rhoads.** 1786. December 15. Philadelphia.

Concerning an account due her late husband by Mr. Robert Smith; refusal of his son and administrator, Mr. John Smith, to pay her one cent; unless she can obtain payment, will be turned out of doors; applies to Franklin for assistance; sends him a certified copy of the award in her husband's favor. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 179.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1786. December 15. Boston.

Recommending his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel Bradford, to Franklin's civilities. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 180.**

From **[Horace-Benedict] de Saussure.** 1786. December 17. Geneva.

Sending Franklin the second volume of his *Voyages dans les Alpes.* Account of the first ascent to the top of Mont Blanc, made by M. Paccard; his own first attempt unsuccessful; expects to accomplish it the following summer. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 181.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 275; Bigelow, IX, 352).

From **The State of Pennsylvania's Invalid Guards.**
1786. December 23.

Requests Dr. Franklin to bestow a Christmas gift on the poor unfortunate fellows who fell in the glorious cause of America; the request is made to drink to the health of the glorious Washington under whom they fought so nobly. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 89.**

From **Dominique Bourne.** 1786. December 28. New York.

Explaining how he came to open the enclosed letter addressed to Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 183.**

From **J. M. Birckenstock.** 1786. December 29. Vienna.

Presenting him with several copies of his Latin work on the Life and character of Frederick the Great. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXIV, 184.**

From **John Jay.** 1786. December 30. New York.

Acknowledging his favor of the 21st ult., with the enclosed papers; letters from Sir Edward Newenham on the same subject previously received; all the papers shall be laid before Congress as soon as they make a House. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 185.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1786. December 31. New York.

Recommending to his good offices a gentleman of great literary accomplishments, John O'Connor, Esq.; his object in visiting Philadelphia is to solicit subscriptions for his book, Anecdotes of Louis XVI of France, which he (Childs) is printing. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXIV, 186.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** *Circa* 1786.

Announcing that the election for an officer of excise, for the County of Bucks will take place that day. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 111.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Desires a few lines which may effectually contradict the report that Franklin has complained and disapproved of his conduct. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 115.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** [1786?]

Information from Mr. [Col. John] Bull of some disturbances at Wyoming; suggests a meeting of the Council at Franklin's house or the State House. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 122.**

From **Edward Bridgen.** [1786?]

His ambition to present the States with the handsomest and best copper coin in the world. Acknowledging Franklin's singular service in obtaining the restoration of his estate in North Carolina. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 124.**

From **B[enjamin] Duffield.** [*Circa* 1786. Philadelphia.]

Sends a description of the White Walnut. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLII, 41.

From **Major Ellinkhuysen.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Begging Franklin to write a few lines to his father in Rotterdam, stating that the lands lately purchased by the Major on the West Branch of the Susquehannah, are in an improved and valuable part of the State. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 155.**

From **Margaret Farrell.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Begging for a loan. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 198.**

By **[Aimé Ambroise Joseph Feutry.** 1786?]

Fable, in imitation of the English of Dr. Percival, on the experiment of pouring oil to calm the waters during a storm. "Envoi" to Franklin as a tribute of gratitude for his election to membership in the [American] Philosophical Society at Philadelphia. Poem. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 37.**

From **Mr. Hamilton.** [*Circa* 1786.] Saturday.

Will wait on the President next Monday. L. in 3d P. 1 p.
XLIII, 191.

From **[Mme.] Ligniville Helvétius [Comtesse de Ligniville d'Autricourt.** 1786?]

Speaks with delight of past days spent with Franklin; pleasure his letters give her. Her true friends always with her; absolutely necessary one to the other. Sends a redingote for Mrs. [Richard] Bache, which may serve as a model; messages to Benjamin [Franklin Bache]. Afraid he will be unable to decipher her scrawl. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 189.**

From **James Hill.** [1786?] London.

Sending him the locket about which he wrote before; explains its construction and allegorical meaning. A. L. S. 3 p.
XL, 5 and 161.

From **F[rancis] Hopkinson.** [1786.]

Begs for the return of his "Law-Suit" which Franklin must have perused by this time; inclined to publish it; desires Franklin's advice. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 141.**

From [**Mrs.**] **Cille Huck.** [1786?]

Begging a loan of ten pounds; promises to repay it in a year. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 153.**

From [**Mrs.**] **Cille Huck.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Asks for help in her financial affairs. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 108.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Desiring Franklin to send him, by the first opportunity, a small supply of holly. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 169.**

From **Jean Baptiste Le Roy.** [1786?]

Greatly pleased with Franklin's observations on the lightning-rod; their number increasing steadily. M. [Thomas] Paine's model of a bridge not yet arrived. Introductions for M. Manasseh Cutler. His brother [Julien David Le Roy] delighted with his election to Franklin's illustrious [American Philosophical] Society. Books he promises to send him. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 164.**

From **Andrew Limozin.** [1786?]

Forwarding to Congress an Act passed in the King's Council for sundry favors granted the American trade. Desires to be legally appointed Agent for America with powers on behalf of his son Edward; his past services as Agent; assistance given by him to destitute Americans who escaped to France from English prisons. A. L. S. 8 p. **XL, 220.**

From **John Mifflin, Sr.** [*Circa* 1786.] Second day.

Requesting Dr. Franklin's acceptance of a few peaches. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 211.**

From **Major** [**William**] **North.** [*Circa* 1786.] Wednesday.

Will attend on the President Friday next. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 216.**

From **Sally Parker.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Request for money. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Dr. Franklin. An impudent beggar who has heretofore imposed on me and my son to the amount of about £25. **XLII, 44.**

From **W[illia]m Pollard.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Increasing number of robberies in Philadelphia; suggests the expediency of opening all letters to persons of evil fame; encloses a list of their names. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 208.**

From **J[ohn] Swanwick.** [*Circa* 1786.]

Sending the pamplet which he desires to dedicate to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 200.**

From **[John] Swanwick.** [*Circa* 1786. Philadelphia.]

Asks for the letter for Mr. [John] Adams which he promised. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 110.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** [1786?]

Account of his failure to see the elder or younger Wharton; has written them to request copies of the letters accompanying the remittances made to Mr. [Francis] Coffyn. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 133.**

From **J[ohn] Vaughan.** [*Circa* 1786.] Monday morning.

Is prevented by an indispensable engagement from waiting on the President. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 238.**

From **[Noah] Webster [, Jr.].** [*Circa* 1786.] Philadelphia.

Begging Franklin's perusal of the enclosed papers relative to a proposed selection of essays on America, to be used in the ["Grammatical] Institute [of the English Language"]. Returning the first volume of Elphinstone's "Principles." L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 139.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1786. Postmarked Carnarvon].

Requests him to locate, if possible, a young man named Price Hughes, who went to Philadelphia in 1768, and who is now heir to an estate of about £150 a year. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 99.**

From ——— ———. [*Circa* 1786.]

Proposal to erect a Provincial Bank by Act of Assembly. The management to be in the hands of the gentlemen now Trustees of the Loan Office. L. 2 p. (Fragment.) **LVIII, 123.**

From **Comte de Buffon.** 1787. January 1. Paris.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter with the detailed account of the régime he observed in order to rid himself of the stone; would follow his example, if he had not discovered that his sufferings were due to another cause. Good wishes for his future health and happiness. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 1.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1787. January 1. Vienna.

Acknowledging the second volume of the American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions with the honorable and complimentary letter published therein. Sending three copies of his book on Vegetables. Business dealings with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn; reasons for thinking them both, rogues and scoundrels; cannot understand their holding public office; thinks they can both be scared into making restitution. Question of two Loan Certificates which he wishes realized immediately, and the money sent to him; has written several times on this subject to Mr. John Williams, of Boston, with no result. His interest in seeing American newspapers. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 2.**

From **Ben[jami]n Vaughan.** 1787. January 3. London.

Has received from Mr. [John Hyacinth de] Magellan £210 on account of the [American] Philosophical Society at Philadelphia [the principal sum of the Society's Magellanic Fund]; ready to have Franklin's bills to that amount. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 3.**

From **Jonathan Rumford.** 1787. January 6. Wilmington.

Recalls himself to Franklin's remembrance; his father, the farmer, is dead; encloses a paper which he desires to have published if Franklin thinks it will be of use to the people. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 4.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1787. January 10. London.

Sending by Colonel Forest a copy of the second edition of his tract on Congregational Courts together with his tracts on Free Militia. Had hoped his writings would have convinced the Americans that the establishment of a free government is not so difficult as the late Convention seems to have apprehended; discusses the question in detail; his attempts to establish a free government by Frank pledge at Sierra Leone on the coast of Africa, frustrated by the wickedness and intemperance of the settlers; does not despair of finally succeeding. Question of forming a staple paper currency. Wisdom of preserving a sufficient proportion of common ground around every town and village. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 5.**

From [**Gov.**] **Edm[und] Randolph.** 1787. January 11. Richmond.

Sending enclosed the memorial of Col. Charles Simms; assured that Franklin will do everything which may, with propriety, tend to his relief. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 6.**

From **Jonathan Rumford.** 1787. January 11. Wilmington.

A tirade against sharpers and stock-jobbers and an earnest plea to the rulers of America to fulfill all public contracts and to render justice to her public creditors. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 7.**

From **Lavaysse, Puchelberg & Co.** 1787. January 17. L'Orient.

Has two boxes, one of books, the other of trees, received from Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand. The package sent them has been sent to Mr. Grand. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **CVII, 21.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1787. January 18. New York.

His reasons for having sent Mr. [John] O'Connor to Franklin with a letter of recommendation; if anything to the gentleman's disadvantage has come to Franklin's knowledge, begs to be informed of it. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 8.**

From **George Churchman.** 1787. January 18. East Nottingham.

Concerning a plan to found an institution for the education of the poorest children, orphans and minors who will otherwise grow up in utter ignorance; beginnings of such a Charity School already started

in Nottingham; question of bringing the matter before the Legislature. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 9.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1787. January 26. Newington Green.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter by Mr. [Philip] Nicklin. Death of his wife in September. The second volume of Transactions of the [American] Philosophical Society not yet received. Sent him by [Rt. Rev.] Dr. [William] White a volume of his sermons. Desire of the Baron Maseres to know the nature of the method mentioned by Franklin for paying off the National debt. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 10.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 283).

From **John Armstrong, Jr.** 1787. January 30. Philadelphia.

Desiring to know if Franklin wishes the Board Meeting to take place at his house or at the State House. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Franklin. Electing to have it take place at his own house, because of the uncertainty of the matter. **XXXV, 11.**

From **François Louis de Muller.** 1787. February 1. Nessels.

Submits a plan of government, or a Constitution, composed of several Articles, for the Thirteen States of the American Federation. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XLIX, 34.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1787. February 2. London.

He and his brother both out of Parliament, so that his political information is second hand; the promised treaty between France and England; talk of other treaties with European powers; should rejoice to hear of one with America. Question of sending newspapers back and forth. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 12.**

From **John Jay.** 1787. February 8. New York.

Had it not been for the Act which confines the appointment of Consuls to citizens, Sir Edward Newenham's request would doubtless have been granted. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 13.**

From **George Whatley.** 1787. February 12. London.

Reflections on the Philadelphia Bank. Thanking him for the medallion. Benefits of free trade. Question of coining in America. His age as compared with Franklin's. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXV, 14.**

From **Mary Hewson.** 1787. February 14.

Investment of money. American weather as variable as English weather. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 72.**

From **John Churchman.** 1787. February 14. Philadelphia.

Concerning certain discoveries he has made; desires neither the conclusion nor the principles on which it is founded to be made known. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 15.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1787. February 14. Paris.

Acknowledging the Catalogue of the Trees and Shrubs of America, by Mr. [Humphry] Marshall. Grief they have experienced through the loss of his sister. His friendship with the Marquis de la Fayette and their constant talk of America. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 16.**

From **W[illia]m Herschel.** 1787. February 18. Slough near Windsor.

Acknowledging his election as a member of the American Philosophical Society. Sends a catalogue of new nebulae and clusters of stars. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 17.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 569).

From **John Whitehurst.** 1787. February 19. London.

Acknowledging his election as a member of the learned [American] Philosophical Society; begs the Society to accept a copy of his Inquiry; as soon as it is out of press, will send a copy of his next work, viz.: An attempt to obtain invariable measures from the mensuration of time, etc. If copies of the Standard Troy Weight will be acceptable, they are at Franklin's service. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 18.**

From **Edward Garrigues.** 1787. February 20. Philadelphia.

Desiring Franklin to appoint a time to settle his account with the estate of Eden Haydock, deceased. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 19.**

From **Jacob Richardson.** 1787. February 20. Newport.

Forwarding Franklin two packets delivered to him by Capt. James Nixon, from Hamburg. His father-in-law, Capt. Elnathan Hammond, sends his compliments. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 20.**

From **James Mitchel Varnum.** 1787. February 23. New York.

As the efforts of genius are ever pleasing to great minds, takes the liberty of sending Franklin the enclosed pamphlet. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 21.**

From **Aeneas Lamont.** 1787. February 24. Baltimore.

Informed by Mr. [Francis] Childs of Franklin's intention to establish a letter-foundry; desires to know what kinds of type Franklin has on hand and upon what terms he could furnish them; intends establishing a printing office in Winchester, Virginia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 22.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1787. February 27. New York.

Business of the printing-office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 23.**

From **[Sir] E[dward] Newenham.** 1787. February 27. Bellchampe.

Introducing Mr. Henry Owen who served aboard Count d'Estaing's fleet, thereby forfeiting all hopes of promotion in his native land; recommends him to Franklin's kind offices and friendly advice. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 24.**

From **Tho[mas] Jordan.** 1787. February 27. London.

Recalling the pleasurable days they spent together and their frequent games of cribbage. Compares Franklin's position as the head of an Empire with his own as the head of a brewery. Sends him by their friend Watmaugh a cask of beer with his best wishes. News of their old friends, [Samuel] Stanley, [Dr. John] Hawkesworth and [Thomas] Fitzmaurice. [William] Herschel's new discoveries. Hopes to meet him in another world. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 25.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1787. March 1. Dublin.

Anxious to hear from Franklin concerning his son Robert's request. His eldest son engaged to be married; could have gotten a richer bride

for him but neither so handsome nor so well-educated. Voted in favor of the French Treaty of Commerce; finds fault with the duty on French wines. Account of a sanguinary bill to prevent tumultuous risings, lately brought in by their Attorney-General; modifications due to the storm of opposition it raised; Ireland in danger of returning to her former slavery. Surprised at M. Colonne's letter to Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson being printed in the public papers; sends a copy to Franklin. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 26.**

From **John Churchman.** 1787. March 1. Philadelphia.

Stating his reasons for concluding that the position of the magnetic needle, its dip and variation can be ascertained; means by which one can thus discover longitude at sea. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 27.**

From **Geo[rge] Buchanan.** 1787. March 5. Baltimore.

Sending him a memoir just received from Mr. Quesney who wishes it translated into English in order that his institution may become more generally known; if it meets with Franklin's approbation, begs him to find some one who will translate it and pay himself out of the profits; such kindness will be much appreciated by the President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as well as by himself. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 28.**

From **J[ohn] M[axwell] Nesbitt.** 1787. March 17. Philadelphia.

Invitation for dinner from the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. A. N. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 29.**

From **[Colonel] Jos[iah] Harmar.** 1787. March 19. Fort Pitt.

Enclosing a return of the Pennsylvania troops in the service of the United States, together with a statement of their present whereabouts. Sends an interpretation of several words of the Delaware and Shawanoe languages; has written to the Missionary of the Moravian Indians for a printed vocabulary of these two languages, which he promises to forward. Acknowledging Franklin's courtesy to him while in Europe. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 30.**

From [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1787. March 22. Paris.

Discoveries in chemistry; M. Fourcroy's work;[1] hopes to send him another book by this author. L'Assemblé des Notables absorbs the attention of all; balloons would be forgotten were it not for [François] Blanchard; fate of the artists at Javelle. M. [William] Herschel's brilliant discovery of two new satellites; change made in his telescope. Wishes Franklin to attain the age of Nestor. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 31.**

[1] Leçons d'Histoire Naturelle et de Chimie.

From [**Julien**] **David Le Roy.** 1787. March 23. Paris.

Acknowledging with gratitude Franklin's letter written to him at sea, its subsequent publication in the memoirs of the [American] Philosophical Society and his recent election as a member of that Society. Constantly talking of him with M. Keay, Mme. Cheminot and M. Gudin; Mme. Cheminot's admiration and affection for him. Franklin's letter translated by his brother; sends him the first printed copy; his answer to this, in which he treats of the navigation of rivers, likewise printed. Certain theories about the construction of vessels; promises to send him the models. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 32.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1787. March 23. Versailles.

Acknowledging the honor conferred upon him by the American Philosophical Society; offers his services in any capacity which may be of use to the Society. America a great example to the world. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 33.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1787. March 25. Boston.

Acknowledging Franklin's favors of the sixth and twelfth insts. together with the proceedings of the Council and Assembly of Pennsylvania respecting the rebels against Massachusetts and their proclamation for apprehending several of them. Acknowledging Franklin's congratulations on the success of the measures taken for the suppression of the insurrection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 34.**

From **J. P. Malcom.** 1787. March 26. Philadelphia.

The grandson of Mr. James Peller of Philadelphia; brought up as an engraver; describes a patriotic picture which he desires to engrave and, if permitted, dedicate to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 35.**

From **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin.** 1787. March 27. Park.

Concerning the farms he has rented and the arrangements he has made for the farm he intends to occupy. Begs Franklin to send him fifteen pounds which he will repay in a few days when he returns to the city. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 36.**

From ——— **Wilson.** 1787. March 29. Philadelphia.

Desiring the books mentioned to him by Franklin the other day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 37.**

From ——— **Gaugnet.** 1787. March 29. Saint Marc.

Served nearly a year under the command of Com. [John] Paul Jones; sends the commission given to him at l'Orient on May 3, 1779, and begs Franklin to present it to Congress with a request to convert it into an officer's brevet; ready at any time to serve in the American navy; owing to his services not being needed at present, has engaged in commerce. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 38.**

From **Thomas Paine.** 1787. March 31. [Philadelphia.]

Announcing his intended departure for Europe in April; desires a letter to the Comte de Vergennes; expects to take his models of bridges with him; will be obliged for a letter to some of the Commissioners in that department. Wishes Franklin's opinion as regards certain points in the construction of his bridge. Letter to Council enclosed offering to show them the two models [2 p.]. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 39.**

From **John Churchman.** 1787. March 31. Philadelphia.

Laying before Franklin, as President of the American Philosophical Society, his conclusions respecting the situation of the magnetic needle. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 40.**

From **J[ohn] Churchman.** 1787. April 1. Philadelphia.

Quotes several passages from the Old Testament which gave rise to certain speculations on lightning and the Aurora Borealis. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 41.**

From **J[ohn] Carroll.** 1787. April 2. Georgetown.

Introducing Mr. Digges who is desirous of paying his respects to Franklin during his stay in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 42.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1787. April 3. New York.

Regretting his inability to fully comply with his engagement; reasons for his delay; bright hopes for the future. Business of the printing-office. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 43.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1787. April 4. Boston.

Introducing his relative, Mr. Hughes, who desires an opportunity of presenting his respects to so distinguished a character. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 44.**

From **Mat[thew] McConnell.** 1787. April 6. Philadelphia.

Sending a pamphlet for Franklin's perusal. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 45.**

From **W[illiam] Short.** 1787. April 8. Paris.

In the absence of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson, forwards certain letters by Mr. [Isaac] Norris of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 46.**

From **John Sevier.** 1787. April 9. Mt. Pleasant, State of Franklin.

Concerning the new State of Franklin; Act of Cession repealed by North Carolina; her attempt to reassume jurisdiction and sovereignty over the State of Franklin; desires to know if their Council of State can count upon Franklin's approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 47.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 290; Bigelow, IX, 361).

From **Aaron Doan.** 1787. April 17. Gaol.

Begging Franklin to recommend the enclosed petition favorably; his offense committed at a time when a vindictive spirit unhappily prevailed; his greatest enemies in Bucks County would now be glad to see him at liberty; his good conduct during his long confinement. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 48.**

From **[Julien] David Le Roy.** 1787. April 27. Paris.

Enclosing a copy of his letter to the Marquis de Castries *à propos* of his plan to construct a fast ship to ply between London and Paris; took the liberty of placing Franklin's name at the head of his list of subscribers; hopes of a favorable issue. If he were Mme. Cheminot's lover would be jealous of her admiration of Franklin. Sends him the two models of a boat constructed along new lines. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 50.**

From **Gosrunus Erkelens.** 1787. May 1. Chatham, Conn.

Concerning a cobalt mine in his possession which he believes to be the only one discovered in the States; value of this ore in trading with China; with proper encouragement, thinks the trade could become an important one; desires Franklin to bring the matter before the Pennsylvania Assembly. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 51.**

From **Sam[ue]l Huntington.** 1787. May 5. Norwich [Conn.].

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of the 14th ult. which, together with the Act of the Pennsylvania Assembly, will be laid before the Legislature of Connecticut; persuaded of their desire to cultivate peace and good harmony. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 52.**

From **W[illiam] Short.** 1787. May 5. Paris.

Forwarding letters from M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy, by the French Consul at New York. The diplomas for the European members of the American Philosophical Society delivered wherever possible. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 53.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1787. May 7. Sannois.

Assuring him of her ineffaceable attachment and veneration. Changes in the administration; great hopes arising from the new Minister being a pupil and follower of M. [Anne Robert Jacques] Turgot. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 54.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** 1787. May 8. Philadelphia.

Nothing can be done for the man in question before the next meeting of the Legislature. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 55.**

From **Major [Peter Charles] L'Enfant.** 1787. May 10. Philadelphia.

Accepting Franklin's invitation to wait upon him the following Saturday. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 56.**

From **Mr. and Mrs. Thomson.** 1787. May 11. Philadelphia.

Regretting their inability to wait upon Franklin on Saturday. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 57.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1787. May 14. Boston.

Introducing William Erving, Esq., a brother of Mrs. Bowdoin and a worthy, sensible gentleman. Returns with thanks the manuscript copy of Dr. [John] Jeffries's aerial voyages. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 58.**

From **M[ather] Byles.** 1787. May 14. Boston.

Doubts whether Franklin received his former letter; owing to age and palsy, must employ his daughter to repeat his thanks. Congratulates his country on having produced a Franklin. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 59.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 303).

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1787. May 16. London.

Sending him a treatise on Phlogiston, by Mr. [Richard] Kirwan, together with Mr. [Charles] Dilly's collection of Franklin's late papers. Strongly recommends having the first volume of the [American] Philosophical Transactions reprinted. While at sea, read his observations on Maritime Affairs; will send him shortly his thoughts on that subject. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 60.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1787. May 17. New York.

Business of the printing-office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 61.**

From **Tench Coxe.** 1787. May 18.

Advised by his friends to publish the enclosed essay read before the Society for Political Inquiries. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 62.**

From **Joseph Miguel de Flores.** 1787. May 18. Madrid.

Deputed by the Royal Academy of History to acknowledge the second volume of the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions; reflec-

tions occasioned by Mr. Otto's dissertation on the discovery of the Western Hemisphere. Sending various publications of their Society. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Spanish. With translation.) **XXXV, 63.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1787. May 20. Vienna.

Acknowledging his letter with a copy of the second volume of the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions; his application of the honor conferred in addressing to him the first dissertation on chimneys. His business with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton; urges certain methods by which Mr. Wharton and Mr. [Francis] Coffyn may be forced to pay the money owing him; relies on Franklin's influence and friendship in this affair. Encloses an open letter to Mr. John Williams which he desires may be attended to at once. Civil war begun in his country. Inquiries after Franklin made by the Emperor [of Austria]. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 64.**

From [**The Right Reverend**] **Dr. [William] White.**
[1787.] May 21. [Philadelphia.]

Accepting the President's invitation. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 247.**

From **Mr. Brown.** 1787. May 22. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's polite invitation; will wait upon him on Thursday at three o'clock. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 65.**

From **Hugh Ledlie.** 1787. May 22. Hartford.

Reminding Franklin of their dining with Gen. Washington, in 1775, and of his having been for thirty years a lodger in the house of his sister, Mrs. [Jane] Mecom; his fruitless attempts to discover her whereabouts and state of health; begs Franklin to favor him with a line on this subject. Desires to know how matters go on at the [Constitutional] Convention. Plan of a new road from Hartford to Boston. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 66.**

From [**Gen. Charles**] **Pettit.** 1787. May 24. Philadelphia.

Accepting Franklin's invitation to wait upon him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 67.**

From **Count de Campomanès.** 1787. May 24. Madrid.

Acknowledging Franklin's letter of December 4th and his election to the membership of the American Philosophical Society. Deputed by their Academy of History to send Franklin the first volume of a Spanish and Arabic Dictionary, printed under his direction. A. L. S. 3 p. (In Spanish. Translation. 2 p.) **XXXV, 68.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 308; Bigelow, IX, 390).

From **Tho[ma]s Short.** 1787. May 28. Edinburgh.

Offering to repair and improve the telescope made by him for Franklin in 1769; desires no pecuniary acknowledgment for this service; merely wishes to receive an accurate report of the situation and number of his brother's family in America; his intention to make suitable provision for them before he dies. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 69.**

From **Henry Johnson.** 1787. May 28. Baltimore.

Relative to prizes carried into France during the late war. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 74.**

From **E[rasmus] Darwin.** 1787. May 29. Derby.

Writes not only to the philosopher but to the greatest statesman living. Acknowledging Franklin's kindness to his son Robert in France. Description of experiments in electricity performed by a Mr. Bennet, a curate in his neighborhood. Concerning his late translation of the botanical works of Linnaeus. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 70.**

From **Diego de Gardoqui.** 1787. May 30. New York.

Complaining of the conduct of the principal officers in the Custom-house, in threatening an innocent man and showing protection to a lawless set of infamous smugglers; states the case in detail. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 71.**

From [**Phineas**] **Bond** [**Jr.**]. 1787. June 4. [Philadelphia.]

So far, has not been able to find the desired pamphlets. Sends him the *Asylum for Fugitive Pieces* [London, 1787], in which are some good things and a great deal of trash; recommends discretion in reading certain parts to his fair friends. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 72.**

From **John Tyler.** 1787. June 6. Philadelphia.

Account of being cheated and robbed by his one-time partner, James Pearson; begs Franklin to find him some kind of employment; offers to work in his house or in Mr. [Benjamin Franklin] Bache's letter-foundry. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 73.**

From **Rev. [Temple Henry] Croker.** 1787. June 8. Philadelphia.

Introducing himself as the reader in Temple Church in 1761, and author of a treatise on Magnetism; desires the honor of a short interview. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 74.**

From **Tench Coxe.** 1787. June 9. Philadelphia.

Several foreigners elected honorary members of the Society for the Relief of Free Negroes; enclosing the brief letters informing them of their election, with a request for Franklin's signature. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 75.**

From **Fred[erick] Phile.** 1787. June 11. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a true statement of the transactions between Mr. John Leamy and himself concerning the passport of the schooner "Regla." A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 76.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1787. June 13. Passy.

Sends him a work by M. de Volney; introducing the bearer of it, M. Saugrain [de Vigny], a young savant, to Franklin's notice. Reasons why M. De la Valette gave up his intended trip to America. Again urges him to write his memoirs. American politics; the National Convention; question of imposts and custom-houses; attitude of certain states like Rhode Island in refusing to send Deputies. Regretting Franklin's failure to send his paper on the retention by the English of the posts on the American frontier. Question of paper money. Per cent. paid on investments in real estate in America. Affairs in France; Archbishop of Toulouse made Minister and President of the Council of Finances; M. de Villedeuil made Controller-General; M. de Vergennes's memory somewhat tarnished; work accomplished by the Assemblé des Notables; suppression of the *corvées;* new taxes levied. Expects to dine with Mr. [Thomas] Paine at M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont's. Return of Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson. Absence of the Duc de la Rochefoucauld and all his family. Death of M. Brillon. News of other friends. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 77.**

From [**Joseph Ignace**] **Guillotin.** 1787. June 18. Paris.

Their work together in exposing charlatanism and imposture. Reminding him of the many questions concerning America with which he used to bombard him at Passy; his desire to emigrate there shared by many of his friends; disgusted with the despotism, superstition and wickedness of France; their wish to establish a settlement on the Ohio river, the home of equality, liberty and friendship; they number a dozen men, some with families, some without; some rich, some poor; among them they can boast of a knowledge of the sciences and useful arts; introducing two of their number, M. Picque and M. Saugrain [de Vigny] who are to be the pioneers of their party; begs for them Franklin's advice, protection and recommendation; flattering account of his brother-in-law, M. Saugrain [de Vigny]. A. L. S. 10 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 78.**

From **James** [**Diego de**] **Gardoqui.** 1787. June 19. New York.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 11th inst. with the report of the Officer of the Custom-houses regarding the schooner, "Regla"; his object was not to injure the officer but to protect the United States against smugglers. Need of a treaty between America and Spain. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 79.**

From ——— **D'Arcet.** 1787. June 19. Paris.

Recommending M. Saugrain; the recent death of his friend, Don [Bernard] Galvez, Viceroy of Mexico, frustrated his hopes of fame and fortune in that country; his work in the chemical laboratory in Paris; his object in going to America is to choose a site for permanent settlement. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 80.**

From **Choctaw Chief and Chickesaw Captain.**
1787. June 19.

Desiring such directions as will enable them to proceed with their business. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 81.**

From [**Julien David**] **Le Roy.** 1787. June 21. [Paris.]

Delighted at the report of Franklin's health received from Mr. [Thomas] Paine; amazed at the amount of work he is able to accomplish. Messages from [Comte] de Buffon, who is still a great sufferer.

Mr. Paine's desire to see a balloon ascension; M. [François] Blanchard the only exponent of that art at present. M. [Jean Baptiste Marie] Meusnier's book not yet printed. A. L. 4 p. (In French.)
XXXV, 82.

From **Thomas Paine.** 1787. June 22. Paris.

Account of his trip from Havre-de-Grace to Paris; his cordial reception by Franklin's friends; kindness of M. Le Roy. Exhibition of fire-works at [Comte] de Buffon's. His model of a bridge not yet arrived; introduced to M. Terenet, the bridge architect. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 83.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 310; Bigelow, IX, 393).

From **W[illia]m Carmichael.** 1787. June 22. Madrid.

Acknowledging his election as a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; enclosing letters of acknowledgment from the Count de Campomanès and Don [Joseph] Miguel [de] Flores; forwarded the books mentioned in those letters. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 84.**

From **"La Femme de Poche" [Mme. Le Roy *née* Baronne de Mersey].** 1787. June 23. Paris.

Account of the cruel treatment accorded her by her husband, and of her unchanging devotion to him; left him six months before; miserably unhappy. Disavows any courage in making the ascent in a balloon; wishes it might have carried her to Franklin for whom she has the greatest love and admiration. Her friendship with Mme. Helvétius. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 85.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 432.

From **Benj[ami]n January.** 1787. June 26. Philadelphia.

Offering to rebind all the books which were misplaced through the carelessness of a journeyman. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 86.**

From **The Gentlemen of the [Constitutional] Convention at the Indian Queen.** [1787.] June 27.

Inviting the President of the State of Pennsylvania to dinner at their quarters. L. 1 p. **XLIII, 160.**

From **[General] H[enry] Knox.** 1787. June 28. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's application on behalf of M. Varranault, for admission into the Society of the Cincinnati; necessary for the gentleman to address himself to the Society in France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 87.**

From **John Churchman.** 1787. July 2. East Nottingham [, Pa.].

Desiring to be informed, through his brother, Mordecai Churchman, in Philadelphia, if the Astronomer Royal at Greenwich writes anything respecting the affair sent to him three months ago. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 88.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1787. July 3. London.

Hoped Franklin would have retained some of Mirabeau's patriotic principles; opposed to taxes on imports; thinks Philadelphia should be made a free port; objects to the loyalists being banished; sees nothing of the liberal disposition of Dr. Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 89.**

From **The Connecticut (Society) [Academy] of Arts and Sciences.** 1787. July 3. New Haven.

A literary society instituted the previous year, entitled the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which Lieutenant-Governor [Oliver] Wolcott is President; directed by the Society to apply to the [American] Philosophical Society and the Academies of science throughout Europe for their publications; in return will send their literary collections when these shall be published. A. L. S. Ezra Stiles, Correspond[in]g Secretary. **XXXV, 90.**

From **Marquis de Chartier de Lotbinière.** 1787. July 9. New York.

On Mr. [John] Jay's advice, came to America in order to obtain possession of his estates on Lake Champlain; if affairs turn out as he now has reason to hope, will remain indefinitely in America; his impatience to see Franklin only held in check by the report of the heat in Philadelphia. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 91.**

From **J[ohn] C[oakley] Lettsom.** 1787. July 14. London.

To the memoir of Dr. [John] Fothergill, he has annexed memoirs of some of his associates; his wish to have introduced some anecdotes of Franklin; the importance of such memorials. Discovery by a man, called Borth, of a method of imitating paintings in oil; facsimiles of famous paintings finished in a few hours; the method known only to Borth and a Mr. Johnson, a rich quaker; report that he has been offered £60,000 for his secret; conjectures concerning the method employed. Is cultivating a plant called in France, *racine de disette;* no more prolific vegetable known; promises to send a description with seeds. Begs Franklin's kind offices on behalf of a clergyman, Mr. George Hunt, who desires the honor of Doctor of Divinity from the College of Philadelphia. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXV, 92.**

From **The Medical Society of London.** 1787. July 16. London.

Certificate of membership. **Portfolio.**

From **Comte de Buffon.** 1787. July 18. Jardin du Roi.

Acknowledging the seeds and rare plants sent him for the King's garden. Desires to hear of the progress of the [American] Philosophical Society. Just finished his *Histoire Naturelle de Minéraux;* offers to send it to the Society. Is printing a treatise on the properties and use of the magnet. Desires to know what remedy Franklin found most efficacious for the stone. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 93.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 312; Bigelow, IX, 398).

From **Ezek[iel] Forman.** 1787. July 19. Auburn.

Sending Franklin a curious puzzle from Signor Falconi from New York; explains the position of the three sticks and the adjustment arranged by Falconi; promises further information, if desired. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 94.**

From **Benj[ami]n West.** 1787. July 26. London.

Arrival of Mr. [Samuel] Jennings with Franklin's letter of recommendation; the young gentleman's fame for painting had already preceded him; will give him every assistance in his power. News of his family. Mr. [Caleb] Whitefoord's desire to hear from Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 95.**

From [**Abbé**] **Lefebvre de la Roche.** 1787. July 27. Auteuil.

Necessary to communicate with Franklin as the devout commune with celestial substances; their sacrifice in giving him up to America; their pleasure to imagine that he will be the one benefactor of men to escape their ingratitude. Account of a fête given in honor of the Lady of Auteuil [Madame Helvétius]; French politics; results of the *Assemblé des Notables;* disordered state of finance; misery of the people; difficult to foresee the outcome. Affairs in Holland. Visit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux; much talk of Franklin. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 96.**

From **Ezra Stiles.** 1787. July 31. Yale College, New Haven.

Acknowledging Franklin's favor of the 14th inst. with the list of Philosophical Societies in Europe; discouraged by his advice to wait until they can send forth a volume themselves, before applying for publications from learned Societies; fears this will mean a long delay. Delighted to see an example of the new method of taking copies of papers from the originals. Acknowledging the second volume of the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 97.**

From **Joshua Steele.** 1787. July 31. Kendal's Plantation in Barbados.

Has been in Barbados over seven years looking after his estates there. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 98.**

From **Abbé Morellet.** 1787. July 31. Auteuil.

Pleasure derived from Franklin's letters by the whole "Academy of Auteuil." Religious toleration. Commercial regulations as to imposts and taxation; opposed to duties on foreign merchandise. Affairs in France; praises the Archbishop of Toulouse, the new Minister of Finance. Madame Helvétius; amusing account of their sufferings from her cats. Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson's work [Notes on Virginia] the Abbé [Morellet] translated, much liked. [Thomas] Paine's model of an iron bridge. Demand for an Assembly of the States-General. Messages from friends. A. L. S. 8 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 99.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 313; Bigelow, IX, 399).

From [**Chevalier de Mauduit**] **Duplessis.** 1787. August 1. Paris.

Account of a serious illness which brought him to death's door and caused him great fear. Messages from the Count d'Estaing, who has done all in his power for Franklin's friend, Mr. [Thomas] Paine. Trouble in Holland; fear of war; influence of Mr. [William] Pitt in England against anything which will mar the present peace. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXXV, 100.**

From **Nesmoz & Valliant.** 1787. August 2. Philadelphia.

Understands that Franklin sometimes has occasion to draw upon Paris; desires to know if he will oblige them with bills to the amount of three or four thousand livres, and upon what terms? A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 101.**

From [**Joseph Ignace**] **Guillotin.** 1787. August 5. Paris.

Request for Franklin's advice and assistance on behalf of Messrs. Picque and Saugrain [de Vigny]; begs him to recommend their inexperience to a capable adviser wherever they go; Illinois likely to be chosen as their place of settlement; understands from Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson that grants of land may be had there. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 102.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1787. August 7. New York.

Sending him the Judiciary Bill and the bill for the punishment of certain crimes; question of the power invested in Congress; the members cautious lest their measures should not meet with the approbation of their constituents. Enclosing a report of the Assembly in Jamaica on the slave trade and slavery in that Island. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 103.**

From **Major** [**William**] **North.** 1787. August 8. New York.

Enclosing an important letter for Mr. Williams. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 40.**

From **Jonathan Rumford.** 1787. August 9. Wilmington.

Reported in 1777 that Franklin sent Congress a package of all clean sheets of paper; sends him something similar with the hope that he and Washington will fill them. Expects the gentlemen of the

Convention to carry out the terms of every treaty America has made. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. E. by Franklin. "Jonathan Rumford—crack'd."

XXXV, 104.

From **Jean Baptiste Le Roy.** 1787. August 15. Paris.

Praise for Mr. [Thomas] Paine; has been appointed, by the Academy, one of the Commissioners to examine his design; delay in preparing their report; thinks his model has certain advantages over the others presented. Sir Joseph Banks's election to membership in the Academy. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 105.**

From **Temple Henry Croker.** 1787. August 16. St. Christopher.

Sending Franklin his old pamphlet on Magnetism; introducing Mr. Clifton. After the hurricane months, proposes trying Franklin's improvement on his horizontal wind-mill. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXV, 106.

From **The Board of Treasury.** 1787, August 16, and 1788, January 14.

Relative to the account of John Ross against the United States. A. L. S. Samuel Osgood, Arthur Lee. [In the second letter the name of Walter Livingston substitutes that of Arthur Lee.] 4 p.

LV, 106 and 107.

From **John Whitehurst.** 1787. August 17. London.

Sends his little attempt towards obtaining invariable measures; offer of Dr. [Nevil] Maskelyne to keep the machine under his inspection at the Observatory, in order to authenticate its going. A. L. S. 1 p.

XXXV, 107.

From **P. P. Burdett.** 1787. August 19. Carlsruhe.

Reminds Franklin of his appreciation of the medal struck on account of the American peace. Introducing M. de Schilling, a gentleman of birth, education and honor, who served with distinction in the army of the King of Sardinia; his present wish to settle in America and engage in agriculture or commerce. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 108.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1787. August 20. Baquères-Luchon.

Regrets being absent from Paris during Mr. [Thomas] Paine's visit; the interest the Academy will take in his model for a bridge. Impatient to hear the result of the Convention called together to revise the Constitution; high hopes for an Assembly which numbers Franklin and Washington among its members. Agrees with him on the instability of popular favor; believes Franklin's case will prove the exception. French affairs; result of the *Assemblé des Notables;* the formation of Provincial Assemblies; the Marquis [de la Fayette] and himself both elected members from different Provinces. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 109.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1787. August 21. New York.

Humble apology for again postponing certain payments due Franklin; proposes to come to Philadelphia and draw up a new agreement. Business of the printing office. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 110.**

From **John Smith.** 1787. August 24. Philadelphia.

Concerning the estate of the late Robert Smith, carpenter, of which he is administrator; has settled all the accounts except the one with Franklin; suggests a method by which the money can be paid. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 111.**

From **[Sir] Edw[ar]d Newenham.** 1787. August 25. Roxborough.

Account of successful experiments in agriculture tried by Mr. Kirwan; slothfulness and apathy of the Irish peasantry; has endeavored in vain to convert them to these new methods of raising crops. Promising to send the car by the first opportunity. Completion of their city canal. Meeting of volunteer regiments; threats to disperse them; expects to visit the encampment *incognito* and drink the health of American patriots, with success to the Convention; rails against Rhode Island for not sending delegates. Affairs in Holland. Advice to America, should a European war break out in consequence of Dutch or Brabant politics; disapproves of England's attitude in taking the Stadtholder's part. Enormous addition of taxes and pensions. His trip to America delayed by a tiresome law-suit. A. L. S. 7 p. **XXXV, 112.**

From [Rev.] **Dr. [John] Lathrop.** 1787. August 30. Boston.

Requesting his acceptance of a discourse given before the Humane Society of Boston; encouraged by Mrs. [Jane] Mecom to make himself known to Dr. Franklin. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 113.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** 1787. September 5. Philadelphia.

Sending Franklin the message for the General Assembly, in case he wishes to make any alterations. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 114.**

From **Sam[ue]l Wharton.** 1787. September 5. Philadelphia.

Prevented by illness from waiting on Franklin. Asks for an introduction to his son, Richard Wharton, Attorney-at-law, to Colonel [John] Armstrong, President of Court of Quarter Sessions in Armstrong County; his intention to settle in Dauphin County and practice law. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 115.**

From **Moreau de St. Méry.** 1787. September 8. Port-au-Prince.

For thirteen years has been engaged on different works relative to the French Colonies; his ardent desire to become a member of the [American] Philosophical Society; offers to send the first five volumes of a work which he thinks will prove of interest to America; expects to return to France in May. Recalls his introduction to Franklin by Dr. [Matthew] Maty in London. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 116.**

From **Mr. Baldwin.** 1787. September 10. Philadelphia.

Accepting Franklin's invitation for dinner on Wednesday. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXV, 117.**

From **D[avid] Lenox.** 1787. September 11. Philadelphia.

Begs leave to renew in person his request to Franklin for a certain appointment. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 118.**

From **John Sevier.** 1787. September 12. Franklin.

Delighted with his friendly attitude towards their young republic. Predatory excursions of the Creek Indians; so far their frontier has been unmolested. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 119.**

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From **George Whatley.** 1787. September 14. London.

Enclosing memorial relative to Francis Dashwood [Baron Le Despencer]. Question of banks, paper money and coining. Criticism of a publication dedicated to Mr. [John] Adams, entitled Political Sketches. Interested in the result of the [Constitutional] Convention. Their relative ages. News of their friend Dr. [William] Rowley. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 121.**

From [**Julien**] **David Le Roy.** 1787. September 20. Havre.

Experiments in navigation; sure of the success of this new kind of vessel; the simplification and perfecting of his system of sails; offers to arrange this new style of rigging on any ship sent from America to Rouen or Havre. Introducing M. Le Roux. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 122.**

From **J[ame]s Macnamara.** 1787. September 20. Philadelphia.

Account of his being shipwrecked on his passage from Ireland to America; his wife and child drowned and everything else lost; is now a sufferer from epileptic fits, the result of his grief and terror; cared for by the managers and physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital; begs Franklin for a change of clothes, as he is destitute of everything. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 123.**

From ——— **Thomas.** 1787. September 20. Florence.

Account of merchandise sent in 1783 through Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.], to Bache & Shee at Philadelphia, to be sold on commission; has never received but a small part of the profits of that sale; gives the details of the affair; if Franklin refuses to intercede, must endeavor to obtain justice in a more public manner. L. S. 4 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **XXXV, 124 and 134.**

From **Mathew Carey.** 1787. September 24. Philadelphia.

Concerning the purchase from him of type; takes exception to a remark of Franklin made during their interview on this subject. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 125.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1787. September 26. Hackney.

Acknowledging his election as member of the Pennsylvania Society for abolishing negro slavery; similar institution just founded in London.

Waiting for an account of the [Constitutional] Convention. Spirit of liberty beginning to prevail in Europe as a result of the American war. Departure of Mr. [John] Paradise and family for Virginia. Report of war between Turkey and Russia. Rumor of the King of Prussia having entered Holland and reinstated the Stadtholder in all his powers. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 126.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 320; Bigelow, IX, 411).

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1787. September 28. Vienna.

Desires Mr. [John] Williams to finish up the business of his loan-receipts and send him over the money. Finds fault with the American postal service. Question of the money due him by Mr. [Samuel] Wharton; convinced that Franklin's powerful influence can obtain justice for him. Dismal outlook for Europe; distracted state of his own country; the English at the bottom of it; Turkish war probably blown up from the same quarter. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 127.**

From **Samuel Jennings.** 1787. October 9. London.

Delighted with his reception by Mr. [Benjamin] West, who is at Windsor, finishing the paintings designed for the Castle; much impressed so far by the elegant performances in the Fine Arts; especially struck with the statuary in Westminster Abbey. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 128.**

From **M. Ehlers.** 1787. October 10. Kiel.

Hopes he received the first volume of a work, of which he now sends the second. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 129.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1787. October 10. Boston.

Thanking Franklin for the plan of government sent him; thinks it the best that could be formed under the present circumstances; influence exerted against it. News of Mrs. [Jane] Mecom. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 129½.**

From **[Pierre Samuel] Du Pont [de Nemours].** 1787. October 13. Paris.

Recommending to Franklin's attention, his eldest son [Victor Marie Du Pont] who goes to America to complete his education by studying the conditions of a free country. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 130.**

From [**Charles**] **Arthaud.** 1787. October 13. Au Cap [François].

Sending a work on questions of rural economy just published by *Le Cercle des Philadelphes;* desires one copy presented to the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 131.**

From **Birkbeck & Blakes.** 1787. October 17. London.

Sending receipt for a small box shipped in the "Convention," Capt. Jones. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 132.**

From ——— **Picque.** 1787. October 18. Pittsburgh.

Announcing their safe arrival after a journey of eighteen days; expense of living as dear as in Philadelphia. Amused by the sight of savages. Thinks the country will suit them better than this sad little town. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 133.**

From **Cha[rle]s Biddle.** 1787. October 18. [Philadelphia.]

Resignation of Mr. [John] Armstrong [Jr.] as Secretary to Council; desires to obtain the appointment; asks Franklin's friendship in the matter. **XLI, 84.**

From **Thomas Pinckney.** 1787. October 22. Charleston, S. C.

No vessel at present ready to sail for New York; begs him to forward the enclosed commissions by the first safe opportunity; necessity of keeping their representation in Congress complete. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 135.**

From **Francis Childs.** 1787. October 24. New York.

Mr. Swain will make Franklin a small payment, enough to show his (Childs's) good intentions; disadvantages under which he has worked; hopes Franklin's silence is not due to displeasure. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 136.**

From [**Chevalier de**] **la Luzerne.**
1787. October 26. Port-au-Prince.

Appreciated Franklin's recommending Capt. John Earle to him; will serve him in every way in his power. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 137.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1787. October 29. Paris.

Deaths of M. Brillon and her granddaughter, aged three; crushed by these two sorrows; news of her two daughters, their husbands and their combined household; begs him to write. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 11.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 435.

From **Nathaniel Gorham.** 1787. October 30. Boston.

Franklin's speech, made just before the close of the [Constitutional] Convention, calculated to prevent war and blood-shed; with his permission, desires a copy for publication; the great weight and influence it would have in New England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 138.**

From ——— **Picque.** 1787. October 31. Pittsburgh.

Anxious concerning their letters and remittances from France; begs Franklin to forward them as soon as they arrive. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 139.**

From **John Sevier.** 1787. November 2. State of Franklin.

Creek Indians still carrying on their depredations. Great results expected from the [Constitutional] Convention. Desiring Franklin's patronage and interest for their State; feeling among the Western Americans that their interests are neglected. Introducing Major Droomgoole, who goes to Congress with letters from the Cherokee Indians; his wish to act as Superintendent over some of the southern tribes; his influence among the Cherokee chiefs; recommends him warmly for the position. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 140.**

From [**Joseph Ignace**] **Guillotin.** 1787. November 2. Paris.

Thanking him for his gracious reception of Messrs. Saugrain [de Vigny] and Picque; sends the enclosed letters for them; impatient for the time to come to pay his respects to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 141.**

From ——— **Viguera, neveu.** 1787. November 5. Bordeaux.

Forwarding a box of books arrived for Franklin from Madrid. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 142.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1787. November 8. Boston.

Visiting Franklin's sister [Mecom]; expects to return home that day. News of friends. Account of her family, the marriages and occupations of her children. Mortified at the depravity of their State [Rhode Island]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 143.**

From [**François**] **Barbé de Marbois.** 1787. November 8. Port-au-Prince.

Reminding Franklin of certain astronomical observations by M. le [Comte] Granchain [de Sémerville] which were given a favorable reception some years before by the [American] Philosophical Society; M. de Granchain presented to the Society as a candidate for membership, but by some error the Comte de Guichen was elected in his place; begs that this mistake may be corrected; also recommends for membership M. Moreau de St. Méry, who desires to present to the Society his work on the Laws and Constitution of Saint Domingo. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 144.**

From **Chevalier de Brienne.** 1787. November 13. Versailles.

Forwarding a letter from M. Thomas, who begs that Franklin will act as a mediator in a business matter between him and Franklin's son-in-law [Richard Bache] and nephew [Jonathan Williams, Jr.]; asks him to consider this request favorably. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 145.**

From **Isaiah Thomas.** 1787. November 14. Worcester.

Has reprinted an edition of Perry's Pronouncing English Dictionary, at his own risk and expense; desires to dedicate the first American edition to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 146.**

From **Walt[er] Dulany.** 1787. November 23. Bladensburg.

His wife suffering greatly from stone in the kidney; heard that Franklin obtained great relief from blackberry jelly; has tried it without result; if it was really successful in Franklin's case, begs for more particular information; requests an early answer as his wife is extremely ill. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 147.**

From **Sarah H. Smith.** 1787. November 23. Baltimore.

Only daughter of Thomas Franklin; lately left a widow with five helpless children; miserly and unfeeling conduct of her brother James;

her other brothers not in a position to help her; desires Franklin to do something for her children; their present destitute condition. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXV, 148.**

From **Temple Henry Croker.** 1787. November 25. St. Kitts.

Concerning Franklin's improved plan of a horizontal windmill; on trial, found it insufficient to overcome the resistance of canes, though it may grind corn or raise water; begs Franklin to lay the matter before the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 149.**

From **The Minister and Vestry of the German Lutheran Congregation.** 1787. November 28. Philadelphia.

Requesting his presence at the speaking exercises to be performed in the German language at Zion Church. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 80.**

From **Sir Edward Newenham.** 1787. November 19.

Sent the car and harness to Philadelphia. Rejoiced at the new Constitution of the United States; criticizes part of it; rails against ascendency of the Clergy. Trouble in the Netherlands; war averted. Death and funeral of the Duke of Rutland, Viceroy of Ireland. Eulogy of Lord Chatham. Desires the appointment of Consul for his son at Marseilles; recommends their having one in Dublin. Opposite his desk is Franklin's bust, on his left are the pictures of the American worthies and across from them is [Benedict] Arnold suspended by the heels. A. L. S. 6 p. **LVIII, 84.**

From **Dan[ie]l Carroll.** 1787. December 2. Annapolis.

Meeting of the House of Delegates; the presence of their deputies required to give information of the proceedings in [the Constitutional] Convention, attended with Messrs. [Daniel of St. Thomas] Jenifer, [James] McHenry, and [Luther] Martin; attack made on the Convention, on Washington and Franklin by anti-federalists; felt compelled to read them Franklin's speech on Representation given before the Convention, and also the one of September 17th; fears Franklin's displeasure on this head; has allowed no copies of the speeches to be taken; awaits his commands in the matter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXV, 150.**

From **Eliza[beth] Partridge.** 1787. December 3. Boston.

Sympathizes with his painful disorder; hopes he will be long spared to his country. Some of his letters to her destroyed by mice; begs him to rewrite the paragraph to which he referred. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 151.**

From **[Pahin Champlain de] La Blancherie.** 1787. December 7. Paris.

Recommending to Franklin's kindness the Marquis de Chappe de Laisne. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 152.**

From **Charles Hellstede** (Swedish Consul).
1787. December 8. Philadelphia.

Complaining of the rough, rude and violent behavior in his house of two Constables who would have dragged his servant, John Bergman, away, had he not interfered; they said they belonged to Justice James Loughead's office and that they came for taxes; Bergman not taxable; begs Franklin to use his authority to prevent such extravagancies. A. L. S. 1 p.

Apology to the Consul annexed. L. S. [Justice] James Loughead. 1 p. **XXXV, 153.**

From **Caty Greene.** 1787. December 10. Warwick [, R. I.].

Sending him a small bag of sweet corn. Longs to see him. News of her family; Mrs. General [Nathanael] Greene in good health and living at Hartford. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 154.**

From ——— **Picque.** 1787. December 12. Pittsburgh.

Anxious about their letters from France; have bought a small boat and expect to leave Fort Pitt shortly. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 155.**

From **Patrick Quinn.** 1787. December 12.

Petitioning Franklin to obtain him employment in some of the public offices. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXXV, 156.**

From **David Rittenhouse.** 1787. December 12. Philadelphia.

Certifying that he has been on board Mr. [John] Fitch's steam-boat when it was worked against both wind and tide; thinks it will meet with the encouragement it so justly deserves. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XXXV, 157.**

From [**Gov.**] **Edm**[**und**] **Randolph.** 1787. December 15. Richmond.

Mr. Joseph Elam arrested in Philadelphia as a proper subject for the hospital [for the insane] there and of his subsequent escape; has done business with him for two years and found him intelligent and orderly; Mr. Elam afraid to return to Philadelphia on business without Franklin's protection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 158.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1787. December 15. Passy.

Begging for news of the [Constitutional] Convention. Messrs. le Duc d'Orléans, l'Abbé Sabattier and Frelot, Counsellors of Parliament, still exiled; efforts made to obtain their return. Promises of M. [Ferdinand] Grand to send the portrait by a sure hand. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 159.**

From **Nathaniel Gorham.** 1787. December 15. Charlestown.

Happy effect attending the publication of Franklin's speech [in the Constitutional Convention]; read and applauded by almost every one; opinion of Franklin's old friends in Boston. Prospect very encouraging in South Carolina. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 160.**

From **Vires Acquirit Cedendo** [**Francis Hopkinson**].
1787. December 24. Philadelphia.

Meeting of the [American] Philosophical Society and the disposition of Mr. [John Hyacinth de] Magellan's annual premium; many dissatisfied with the manner in which the affair was conducted and entered on the minutes; desires Franklin to summon another meeting before the end of the month to reconsider the proceedings and revise the minutes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 161.**

From **L. Weiss.** 1787. December 24.

Application made to him as a magistrate by Mr. Henry Clawes to recover a debt from John Dean, Esq., member of the Supreme Executive Council; is uncertain whether such an act on his part would be counted a breach of privilege; has written the enclosed [1 p.] to Mr. Dean without result; desires Franklin's advice. A. L. S. 2 p.
XXXV, 162.

From [Col.] **John Armstrong.** 1787. December 25. Carlisle.

[Richard] Wharton shall not lack recommendations for admittance to the Court of Carlisle. Dr. Nesbit and himself in favor of adopting the Constitution, keeping in view such Amendments as experience and a fitter time may point out; expects good results from the publication of Franklin's last speech in the Convention; pernicious effect of the minority's dissent. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 163.**

From [Gov.] **Edm[und] Randolph.** 1787. December 27. Richmond.

Pursuant to a Resolution of their General Assembly, encloses two copies of their Act concerning the Convention [to ratify the Constitution] to be held in June next; one copy intended for the Pennsylvania Legislature. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 164.**

From [**Pierre François**] **Barbé de Marbois.**
1787. December 28. Philadelphia.

Writes on behalf of Jean Vicard, whose petition he encloses [2 p.]; account of his being forced to marry a woman of the town, who pretended that he was the father of her child; at present he is in prison for failing to support them; begs Franklin to obtain his release. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXV, 165.**

From [Rev.] **Sam[uel] Magaw.** 1787. December 1.

Business of the [American] Philosophical Society; permitted their determination, respecting inventions that came nearest to the annual premium, to be inserted in one of the public papers; apologizes for seeming to act contrary to Franklin's opinion; explains his reasons. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXV, 166.**

From **The Controller of Finances of Pennsylvania.**

Statement for 1787. Mem. 2 p. **LXIV, 86.**

From **St. John de Crevecoeur.** 1787. New York.

Lately crossed the ocean with Com. [John] Paul Jones; takes advantage of his departure for Philadelphia to transmit to Dr. Franklin a letter from the Comtesse d'Houdetot and the 2d edition of the Farmers Letters. L. S. 1 p. **XXXV, 167.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** [1787?]

Recommending to America, the formation of a navy and the building of harbor defenses. Description of their Parliament; their late imperious Viceroy censured instead of impeached. Affairs in France; the National Assembly nearly completed their laws; attitude of King and Queen; La Fayette the Washington of Europe. War between the Brabanters and the Emperor Joseph. Mr. [Silas] Deane's vote in Ireland. [Conclusion missing.] A. L. 4 p. **XL, 143.**

From D[avid] **Rittenhouse.** [*Circa* 1787.] Monday. [Philadelphia.]

Account of experiments with cedar wood in coloring glass. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 51.**

From **James K. Tobine.** 1787. Philadelphia.

Asks for help in obtaining employment. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLII, 67.**

From [Samuel] **Vaughan** [Jr. *Circa* 1787.]

Requests Dr. Franklin to send the estimates of building, as bill for scantling amounts to more than the estimate. The bill for land will be published by [Eleazer] Oswald to-morrow, when it and the Alien's Bill will be called for. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 239.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1788. January 2. New York.

Question of imperfections in the type. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 1.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1788. January 2. [London?]

General opinion in England that America had better adopt a limited form of government. English commercial prosperity. Mr. [Josiah] Wedgwood's beautiful earthenware. Advises a recall of American tories. Future of France. America likely to take Mexico from Spain. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 2.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 321; Bigelow, IX, 452).

From **John Wright.** 1788. January 2. London.

Refers to his letter of April, 1786, accompanied by Dobson's Treatise on Fixed Air; relief obtained from the stone by drinking water impregnated with this air; sends a new apparatus which obviates the frequent burstings; would be glad to hear if it procures him ease.

Iniquitous traffic of slaves; believes an end will be put to it soon. Hopes America will not create any orders of nobility or hereditary honors. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 3.**

From **W[illiam] V[aughan].** 1788. January 5. [London?]

Had promised himself the pleasure of communicating certain remarks on Franklin's observations on the gulf-stream [see "Maritime Observations," London, 1787]; prevented by his mother's serious illness; has sent her to Hackney for change of air; by Capt. Spruce they have sent Franklin a cheese. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 4.**

From **Isaiah Thomas.** 1788. January 8. Worcester [Mass.].

Thanks him for the desired permission which, however, came too late for publication; delayed printing the dedication [of William Perry's Royal Standard English Dictionary] as long as possible, and finally inscribed it to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; will make use of the liberty granted him in the next edition. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 5.**

From **Wil[liam] Livingston.** 1788. January 9. Elizabeth Town.

Announcing that the State Convention of New Jersey has unanimously ratified the Federal Constitution. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 6.**

From **[Père] Pagin.** 1788. January 10. Paris.

Introducing M. Dupuy du Gurard a young man, who has determined to seek employment in America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 7.**

From **Granville Sharp.** 1788. January 10. Leadenhall St., London.

Acknowledging his election as member of the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery; thinks a state which sanctions slave-dealing and slave-holding invites divine retribution; takes exception of two clauses in the new Federal Constitution (9th Section of 1st Article and 2d Section of 3d Article). A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 8.**

From ——— **Picque.** 1788. January 12. Pittsburgh.

Everything frozen including the river; obliged to postpone their departure until the spring. At present they are settled about three miles from Pittsburgh; their dissipation consists in felling trees and trapping game. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 9.**

From **W[illia]m Davis.** 1788. January 21. Boston.

His repeated losses, amounting to six thousand pounds; two promising sons killed in the war; can no longer provide for his family; when he was able, gave his services gratis to the public; begs Franklin to obtain some relief for his family without mentioning his name; would be grateful for some position which a man of his advanced years could fill; desires this letter burnt. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 10.**

From **Cha[rle]s Thomson.** 1788. January 23.

Notice of the assembly of Congress and of the election of Cyrus Griffin as its President. A. L. S. 1 p. **LV, 108.**

From **And[re]w Limozin.** 1788. January 26. Havre-de-Grace.

Forwarding to Congress an Act passed in the King's Council for sundry favors granted to the American trade. Reminds him of the number of American prisoners who came from England to the above port in a destitute state, and of the assistance rendered them there; mentions his own part in relieving this distress; reminds Franklin of his promise to recommend him to Congress, if not for reimbursement—then for a reward; since then has performed the duties of Agent for the United States; desires to be legally appointed their Agent with power for his son to act as such in his absence. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 11.**

From **Marquis de Chartier de Lotbinière.**
1788. January 27. New York.

The vigorous reply of the King of France to the deceitful and impudent message of the English Minister, has checked for a time England's fury against France for having aided the Americans. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 12.**

From **St. John [de Crevecoeur].** 1788. January 30. New York.

Asking Franklin's opinion concerning Mr. [John] Fitch's steamboat; desires to know how far he thinks it could be rendered useful for inland navigation. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 13.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1788. January 31. Poughkeepsie.

Regrets that Franklin's grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] has been disappointed. Appreciates his offer of further time; would pledge himself to complete the payment by January, 1789. A. L. S. 1 p.

A. Mem., on fly leaf, by Dr. Franklin. "The opposition given more or less in every State to the propos'd Constitution, and from a Jealousy of Power, strengthens an Opinion of mine that America is too much enlightened to be enslaved; and thus the Happiness of its People is less in danger from an Excess of Power in the Governors, than from the Defect of due Obedience even to their own Laws, in the Governed." **XXXVI, 14.**

From **[Joseph Ignace] Guillotin.** 1788. February 2. Paris.

Forwarding letters for Messrs. Saugrain [de Vigny] and Picque, for whom he begs a continuance of his kindness; their silence of fourteen months very alarming; begs for a line from Franklin. Desires information and advice concerning their choice of a place of their settlement; his desire to become an American citizen increased by the splendid work of the late [Constitutional] Convention; gives to Franklin the chief credit for the result; foretells a fairy future for America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 15.**

From **Tench Coxe.** [1788.] February 4. Monday.

Concerning the case of Miss Lydia Frazier, of Boston, who was placed as a day scholar in a convent at Auch in Gascony; induced by the nuns to commit herself to the religious life; as she is an American and under age, appeals to Franklin to help in the effort to return her to her relatives. A. L. S. 3 p. **XL, 210.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1788. February 6. La Rocheguyon.

His pleasure in knowing Mr. [Thomas] Paine; his bridge approved by the Academy [of Sciences]; is aiding M. Beaumarchais in the construction of a similar bridge at Paris. Affairs in France; much

occupied with the meetings of Parliament; Edict in favor of non-Catholics a step towards tolerance; Assembly for the States-General announced for 1791. Desires the first volume of the [American] Philosophical [Society's] Transactions. Report of the ancient fortifications and other proofs of a previous civilization being found near Fort Harmar at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio rivers; desires to know if this is true. Messages from his host, the Abbé Rochon. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 16.**

From **Sam[uel] Potts.** 1788. February 6.

Receipt for the balance of his account. A. L. S. 1 p. **LV, 109.**

From **John Wethered.** 1788. February 10. New Castle.

Asking for assistance to repair the Episcopal Church at New Castle. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 17.**

From ——— **Picque.** 1788. February 10. Pittsburg.

Account of an attack of sciatica, which was much alleviated by the use of a root common to the country; offers to send a specimen to Franklin as a remedy for the stone; hears it has been extremely efficacious in such cases; not sure of the name; the savages call it "*déje jon konā.*" A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 18.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1788. February 11.

Irish politics; unbounded confidence placed by the whole nation in the Marquis of Buckingham; the last Viceroy one of the most abandoned, corrupt and profligate of men; no new pensions nor taxes; prevalence of gambling. Foreign politics; opposed to the Empress Catharine's ambitions; believes the Turks would suffer much before yielding the whole of the river Danube to the Sovereign of Hungary. Affairs in Holland. The English East India Co. afraid government will refuse a renewal of their charter. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 19.**

From **Comte de Moustier.** 1788. February 14. New York.

Received his appointment[1] on September 3d and left for Paris on the 10th of October; wished by this alacrity to prove his affection for the Americans and his eagerness to strengthen the bond between their two nations. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 20.**

[1] Succeeded Comte de la Luzerne as Minister to America.

From **John Ettwein.** 1788. February 16. Bethlehem.

Presenting Franklin with a copy of the rules of their Society [for Propagating the Gospel]; their petition to the Pennsylvania Legislature for incorporation; recommends the Society and the Brethren's Church to Franklin's favor and protection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 21.**

From ——— **Taillefert.** 1788. February 18. Nantes.

Account of a commercial transaction between himself and Pierre Charles Peyroux, and of the latter's failure to carry out his part; in 1785, M. Peyroux was at St. Louis, in the United States; desires that he may be made accountable for the debt he owes to him. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 22.**

From J[**onathan**] **Williams, Jr.** 1788. February 19.

Concerning his affair with Mr. Thomas. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVIII, 174.**

From **John Anderson.** 1788. February 20. Glasgow College.

Forwarding Franklin his "Institutes of Physics," which may be of use to some young lecturer in Philadelphia; sends with it Sir John Dalrymple's "Memoirs," [of Great Britain and Ireland], volume two; reviews this work. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 23.**

From [**Pére**] **Pagin.** 1788. February 24. Paris.

Recalls the pleasant hours spent together at Madame Brillon's, M. and Mme. Le Veillard's and other friends. Reminds him of his promise on behalf of his nephew, M. Milliet, to whom M. Dorhman owes a considerable sum of money; encloses a memoir with an account of the affair, also an open letter from his nephew to M. Dorhman. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 24.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1788. February 24. Bordeaux.

Transmits the account. French politics; strenuous struggle by the Parliaments to fix the prerogatives of the Crown; refusal of the Bordeaux Parliament to hold their meetings in the small inland town to which they have been ordered; possibility of a great change in the Constitutions of France. Commercial relations between France and America. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 25.**

From **John Anderson.** 1788. February 25. Glasgow College.

Sending him two books with a long explanatory letter in each one. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 26.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1788. February 26. Golden Sq., London.

Sending this letter by the American Ministers, Mr. [John] Adams and Col. Smith; they are not the bearers of any Treaty of Amity and Commerce; hopes for better feeling in the future; wishes America peace and prosperity under her new Constitution. Compares England to old wine in old bottles. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 27.**

From **Cha[rle]s Vaughan.** 1788. February 27. Boston.

The papers of Dr. Ingen Housz in Mr. [John] Williams's possession. Interest on certain moneys. Account of the Conventions [to ratify the Constitution] in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 27½.**

From **Jos[iah] Wedgwood.** 1788. February 29. London.

Sending a few cameos for the use of Franklin and his friends; the subject of them the abolition of slavery; delighted to be embarked with Franklin in the same great and good cause. Owing to a continuous headache, is obliged to make use of his nephew's hand. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 28.**

From **James Phillips.** 1788. March 1. London.

Books he is sending to Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 29.**

From **——— Picque.** 1788. March 2. Pittsburg.

As they are about to leave Fort Pitt, begs Franklin to hold their letters until their destination is assured. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 30.**

From **N[evil] Maskelyne.** 1788. March 3. Greenwich.

Concerning Churchman's theory of the variation of the magnetic needle; opinion of the Board of Longitude unfavorable; their reasons. Hopes the [American] Philosophical Society received his Greenwich Observations. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 31.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 462; Bigelow, IX, 571).

From **G[eorge] W[hatley].** 1788. March 12. London.

His attitude concerning the abolition of the slave-trade; does not agree with the Society in all its tenets. News of Dr. [William] Rowley; works to serve the public not to gain money. Refuses to believe in the report of Franklin's death. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 32.**

From **St. John de Crevecoeur.** 1788. March 12. New York.

Obliged for his opinion concerning the steam-boat; trusts the encouragement Mr. [John] Fitch hopes from Congress, will enable him to cheapen, simplify and render his machine still more useful; should he succeed in perfecting it, he will deserve the applause of America and Europe. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 33.**

From [**Joseph Ignace**] **Guillotin.** 1788. March 19. Paris.

Begs for a reply to his questions concerning America; entreats the continuance of his kindness and protection towards Messrs. Picque and Saugrain. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 34.**

From **Isaiah Thomas.** 1788. March 24. Worcester [Mass.].

Presenting Franklin with a copy of his edition of Perry's Dictionaries. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 35.**

From **John Jay.** 1788. March 28. New York.

Good reports of Franklin's health; sees his handwriting has undergone no alteration. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 36.**

From **George Whatley.** 1788. March 31. London.

Wrote on the 1st inst. principally to ascertain the chances of his friend Dashwood receiving the money due him from Mr. George Henry of Philadelphia. Has finally heard from Mr. Jonathan Williams [Jr.]; the sin of procrastination. At Dr. [William] Rowley's request, sends one of his late publications on a malady, the treatment of which he considers improper. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 37.**

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1788. March 31. London.

Concerning two small boxes sent to Franklin, one containing the Philosophical Transactions from the Royal Society, the other De Luc's

Hygrometer, a present from Mr. [Edward] Nairne. Urges Franklin to collect in book form many of his useful little papers that apply to common conduct in life for the lower and middle classes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 37½.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1788. April 1. Passy.

The result of the great [Constitutional] Convention in America; objects to certain points; thinks the power of the President too great. News of friends at Passy. His election as Syndic of his town; if his position is not so brilliant as Franklin's, is surrounded by more charming women. Entreats him to hasten the writing of his memoirs; false and stupid anecdotes written about him by Baron de Trink and others. Concerning imposts and duties. Critical and alarming condition of affairs in France; financial situation deplorable. With the exception of his wife, cares more for Franklin than anyone else in the world; why he cannot gratify his desire to go to Philadelphia. M. [Jacques] Necker's work on the importance of religious convictions. Death of [George Louis Le Clerc, Comte] du Buffon; his successor, [Comte Charles Claude La]billarderie [D'Angiviller]. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 38.**

From **William Caslon.** 1788. April 2. London.

News of his family. Messages to his friend, W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 39.**

From **T[homas] Pownall.** 1788. April 8. Bristol.

Report of Franklin's death. Is the only Commissioner left of those representing and acting for the several Provinces in America, who met at the Congress in Albany in 1754. Political condition of the Swiss Cantons. Constitution of the United States; fears the result of a four years' term for the President. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 40.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 342).

From **Tench Coxe.** 1788. April 11.

Glad to see that the people abroad look with desire at America, in spite of the disordered situation of commerce and Government. Will take a few days to turn over in his mind the letter enclosed to him by Franklin; will then ask his attention to one or two points. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 41.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1788. April 11. Flamstead, Jamaica.

Concerning the Island of Jamaica; the cause of mortality among the soldiers; condition of the slaves far better than that of the poor in several parts of Europe; if there is to be a reform, it must be of slow growth; this applies also to conditions in the Southern States; believes however that white men can labor equally well in the cultivation of sugar, etc. Facts determined by the thermometer and hygrometer. Meteorological observations he has made which point out other laws than those in Franklin's ingenious theory. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 42.**

From **J. C. Millon.** 1788. April 22. Au Cap [François].

Introducing M. de Moret, who goes to America for his health. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 43.**

From **G. Turner.** 1788. April 26. Philadelphia.

Directed by Gen. [Henry] Knox at the last General Meeting of the Cincinnati, to translate and return to Franklin the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 44.**

From **Jos[eph] Gilpin.** 1788. April 30. [Wilmington?]

Sending him samples of such kinds of paper as have been made at the Brandywine manufactory; his uncle, Mr. Fisher, desires the loan of those books on the subject of paper-making which Franklin was good enough to offer him yesterday. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 45.**

From **W[illiam] Vaughan.** 1788. May 1. London.

Boxes sent to Franklin; one containing De Luc's Hygrometer. His mother's health much better. Dr. [Joseph] Priestley well and busy. Dr. [Richard] Price engaged in calculations respecting poor laws and rates for the House of Commons. Mr. [Thomas] Gilbert's bill thrown out. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 46.**

From **Jam[e]s Pemberton.** 1788. May 2. [Philadelphia.]

Meeting of the Society [for the Abolition of the Slave-trade] called; [the Wedgwood] cameos mostly distributed; suggests sending a few of the pamphlets also. The ship which fitted out the previous summer for the nefarious business to Africa is reported to be refitting at some

port in Delaware; their intention to notify the Governor as well as the Abolition Society in Wilmington that, if practicable, the attempt may be frustrated. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 47.**

From **W[illia]m Davis.** 1788. May 2. Boston.

Hopes that among the large circle of his Excellency's friends, some relief may be afforded him. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 48.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1788. May 6. Boston.

Introducing the Rev. Mr. [Timothy] Hilliard and Mr. Thomas Lee, both of Cambridge, Mass. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 49.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1788. May 6. Boston.

Introducing Christopher Gore, Esq., a lawyer of note, and a warm advocate of federalism and of the proposed Federal Constitution; favorable prospect of its adoption in New Hampshire; already adopted by Maryland; trusts the complete adoption of it is not far distant. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 50.**

From [**Rev. Dr.**] **John Lathrop.** 1788. May 6. Boston.

Introducing the Rev. Mr. [Timothy] Hilliard, who succeeds the venerable Dr. [Nathaniel] Appleton to the ministry at Cambridge; his travelling companion is Thomas Lee, Esq., a wealthy retired merchant. Feels himself acquainted with Franklin on account of his friendship with Mrs. [Jane] Mecom. Sends him the last publication of their Humane Society; thinks the world improves. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 51.**

From **Wallace & Muir.** 1788. May 13. Annapolis.

Sending the enclosed letter by Mr. E. Lawrence. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 52.**

From **W. Smallwood.** 1788. May 23. Annapolis.

Desiring Franklin to authorize the delivery to Samuel Swan, of one William Clelone, committed to jail in Philadelphia, charged with stealing a horse and saddle; necessary that he should be tried in Maryland for this and other offenses against the state. Instructions to Samuel Swan. [2 p.] A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 53.**

From [**Christopher**] **Gore.** 1788. May 23. Philadelphia.

An unexpected call from the city prevents his dining with him. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 53½.**

From [**Comte**] **A**[**ntoine Jean Marie**] **Thevenard.** 1788. May 25. L'Orient.

Acknowledging the present of his "Maritime Observations"; solaces himself for Franklin's absence by regarding his portrait. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 54.**

From **Tench Coxe.** 1788. May 29.

Transmitting the enclosed papers for Franklin's approbation and signature. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 55.**

From **Rich**[**ar**]**d Soderstrom.** 1788. June 3. New York.

Introducing Messrs. John and [Sir] Alexander [Forrester] Cochrane. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 56.**

From **M**[**ichae**]**l Hillegas.** 1788. June 3. New York.

Introducing Captain and Mr. Cochrane, both brothers of Lord Dundonald; believes all three carry on the famous coal and tar works in divers parts of England and Scotland; the great effects produced and experienced from the use of their tar, etc. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 57.**

From **Fr. Adr. Van der Kemp.** 1788. June 3. New York.

Is the bearer of a letter from the Marquis de la Fayette. Intends making a tour through the country with a view to finding a convenient settlement for himself and family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 58.**

From **Mathew Carey.** 1788. June 10. Philadelphia.

Hopes the unhappy misunderstanding over the types purchased from Franklin will not prevent Franklin from doing him a favor; his plan to increase the subscribers to the *American Museum* published by himself; suggests a highly laudatory description of the *American Museum* which he wishes Franklin to write for him and sign. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 59.**

From **Mrs. Powel.** 1788. June 16.

Begging the loan of Franklin's sedan-chair for a Virginia gentleman, who is laboring under such severe and weakening complaints, as to render him incapable of being moved in a wheel-carriage. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 60.**

From ——— ———. 1788. June 25.

Incloses the report of Council authorizing him to purchase the land adjoining the northern boundary of the State. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 81.**

From **Anthony Armbruster.** 1788. June 26. Germantown.

Begging for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 61.**

From **Etienne Mestre.** 1788. June 27. Bordeaux.

Concerning certain casks of wine shipped to Franklin by order of M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 62.**

From **Johann Jacob Meyen, Ph.D.**

1788. June 28. Alt-Stettin on the Oder, Pommerania.

An eulogy on Dr. Franklin as Philosopher, Statesman and Patriot. A. L. S. 3 p. (In German.) **LIX, 29.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1788. June 28. Boston.

Non-arrival of the second volume of the [American] Philosophical [Society's] Transactions sent to their Society; encloses Mr. [Caleb] Gannett's letter on the subject [XXXVI, 63]; trusts the French work which Franklin has left them in his will, may be long out of their possession. Franklin's expectation of retiring from public cares. Pleasure derived from reading his ingenious queries concerning magnetism and the theory of the Earth; pleasant speculations to which they give rise. Introducing Mr. John Stewart, a grandson of the late Capt. Erving. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 64.**

From [**L.**] **Carles.** 1788. June 30. St. Nicolas.

His misfortunes increased; begs for a letter of recommendation to M. [Barbé] de Marbois, who may procure him a position which will enable his family to live. Sent him two engravings of the Loge des Commandeurs de Carcassonne in December, 1787. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 65.**

From [**Joseph Ignace**] **Guillotin.** 1788. July 1. Paris.

Overwhelmed with horror at the news of the massarce by Indians of the party from Pittsburg; doubts not that the French botanist and mineralogist mentioned are his two young friends; report that one of them, though severely wounded, escaped; begs for further news; such a tragedy would cause the complete abandonment of the proposed settlement; if both men are alive, begs that they may be given every care and assistance; will send the necessary funds. A. L. S. 4 p. (In duplicate. In French.) **XXXVI, 66.**

From **Wallace & Muir.** 1788. July 7. Annapolis.

Sending the enclosed by a safe hand. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 67.**

From [**Marquis de Condorcet**]. 1788. July 8.

Acknowledging his election to the [American] Philosophical Society. The new Federal Constitution of the United States; if nothing better could be obtained, looks upon it as a necessary evil. Affairs in France; clamors against despotism; dread of civil war or bankruptcy. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 68.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 353; Bigelow, X, 1).

From ——— **Thomas.** 1788. July 8. Paris.

His affair with Messrs. Bache & Shee; acknowledging Franklin's reply with the bill of sale, asked for so often in vain; cannot regard the business as ended, since the balance due him has never been paid; relies on Franklin's good offices to receive prompt payment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 69.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1788. July 12. Varennes.

Memoirs of Franklin's life. The new Federal Constitution; extent of the power granted the President; confidence implied in Washington and his successors. Political condition of France; States-General demanded by the public; faults in the form of this body; preference for a National Assembly; fears for these first steps in the career of liberty; America's position far more favorable for the establishment of a good Constitution. Sending him a dissertation on Nyctalopia, a disease endemic in the neighborhood of La Rocheguyon. A. L. S. 7 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 70.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 354; Bigelow, X, 2).

From **Beruin Clos.** 1788. July 12. New York.

If he had a fraction of the talents of the celebrated Abbé Raynal, would erect to Franklin a monument as lasting as his name. Condemns the base mutilation of William Pitt's statue at New York. Revolution of the last ten years; America has broken her chains and Holland has embraced hers. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 71.**

From **Benj[ami]n Rush.** 1788. July 15. Philadelphia.

Enclosing an extract from Dr. [David] Ramsay's intended history of the Revolution; with the author's request for any corrections in the facts which Franklin deems necessary. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 72.**

From ——— **St. Trys.** 1788. July 25. Boston.

At the request of Mr. [Thomas] Paine, sends Franklin the report of the French Academy of Sciences on his iron bridge. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 73.**

From **Lucas Despeintreaux.** 1788. July 28. Washington County, Pa.

His purchase of a small plantation six miles from Pittsburg where he is at present living in great content; expects a sum of money to arrive from France for him; begs Franklin to take charge of it and have it forwarded by a safe conveyance; M. Saugrain [de Vigny] has promised to see that it is sent to Franklin's care. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 74.**

From **George White Eyes.** 1788. August 1. Princeton.

Has only one more year to finish his college course; begs Franklin, as a great friend of his mother, to send him a small sum of money and the articles of clothing mentioned; promises to repay the loan in money or land. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 75.**

From **Elizabeth Oswald.** 1788. August 3. Philadelphia.

Begs him to consider her husband's case and give her his opinion; sure he will agree with her that Mr. [Eleazer] Oswald has been unjustly confined. A. L. S. 2 p.

A. E. by Franklin. As he may be called on to judge her husband's case officially, cannot give her his present sentiments thereon; wishes that her prudent counsels might cause him to change the conduct of his paper. **XXXVI, 76.**

From **M[ary] Stewart.** 1788. August 3. London.

Sent him twelve copies of her brother's work; account of various misfortunes experienced since she last saw Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 77.**

From **James Bowdoin.** 1788. August 4. Boston.

Introducing M. [Brissot] de Warville and his fellow-traveller, Col. de La Terrière. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 78.**

From **Miers Fisher.** 1788. August 5. [Philadelphia.]

Returning, with thanks, the two volumes of the Transactions of the French Academy; remarks concerning the memoirs on paper manufactures. Sends a ream of paper lately manufactured at Brandywine Mills; thinks it an improvement on the last. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 79.**

From **W[illia]m Martin.** 1788. August 5. Philadelphia.

Observations on paper-money. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 80.**

From **Sam[ue]l Jennings.** 1788. August 6. London.

Mr. [Benjamin] West's kindness to him; has forwarded four pictures for him; is at present on the fifth—St. Paul shaking the viper from his hand, intended for the chapel at Greenwich. Exciting election in Westminster. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 81.**

From **J. Ingen Housz.** 1788. August 9. Paris.

His arrival in Paris; saw Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson, who drew up the power of attorney which will enable Mr. [Samuel] Vaughan [Jr.] to act for him in his affair with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton. Accepts the advice to hold his Certificates of Congress until the new Government is established; question of buying land with the money. Franklin's pointed remarks on the Turkish war. Dined with Mr. [John] Paradise. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 82.**

From **James Rumsey.** 1788. August 10. London.

Money to be made if he had the privilege of erecting boats to go by steam; possibility of forming a connection with Messrs. Bolton and Watt; his boiler much improved; favorable opinion expressed by all who have seen it. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 83.**

From **St. Marc de Sauris.** 1788. August 22. Boston.

His desire to obtain the Order of Cincinnatus; states his services under the Comte de Grasse. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 84.**

From **Comtesse d'Houdetot.** 1788. August 26. Sannois.

The new Constitution given to America; part played by Franklin and Washington in this great work; sends him her felicitations; hopes his life will be as famous for its length as for its talents and virtues; quotes the verses she recited in his honor at the small entertainment at Sannois. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 85.**

From **Fr. Adr. Van der Kemp.** 1788. August 28. New York.

Acknowledging Franklin's polite reception of him in Philadelphia. Has purchased a valuable farm two miles from Esopus in New York State. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 86.**

From **John Nancarrow.** 1788. August 28. Pittsburgh.

Assisted a great many Americans confined in Mill prison during the war. Account of his business ventures and final emigration to America with his family; heavy money losses; his intention of moving to Lexington, Kentucky; probability of a post-office being established there; begs Franklin's influence to obtain him the position of post-master. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 87.**

From **M[ichae]l Hillegas.** 1788. September 5. New York.

Money borrowed from Mr. James Hamilton; security he gave him; transfer of the sum to Messrs. Howell and Emlen, to whom the security was also assigned; these gentlemen anxious to receive the interest and principle; understands Franklin puts out money at interest; begs him to furnish the amount due these gentlemen and promises the best security and prompt payment of interest. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 88.**

From **Jno. Nicholson.** 1788. September 7. Philadelphia.

Laying before Franklin a plan for removing the present embarrassments occasioned by the depreciation of paper money; if Franklin would subscribe his name to it, its success would be assured. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 89.**

From **Sarah Vaughan.** 1788. September 10. London.

Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Bird. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 90.**

From **Charlotte Filangieri.** 1788. September 27. Naples.

Announcing the death of her husband, Chevalier Gaetano Filangieri; his great work remains unfinished; promises to send a selection of his writings. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 91.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 359; Bigelow, X, 7).

From **R[ichar]d Cort[lan]dt Skinner.**
1788. September 29. Philadelphia.

Lost his hereditary patrimony; since then studied dentition with the celebrated Dr. [Barth.] Ruspini of London; desires to practice his profession in Philadelphia; begs for the loan of the trifling sum of twenty dollars. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 92.**

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1788. October 5. London.

Greatly concerned at his illness. Often read with pleasure the papers Franklin sent him on the common conduct in life. Types and letters forwarded by Mr. John Wright. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXVI, 93.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1788. October 10. Passy.

Hopes he has recovered from the bad attack of gout. Affairs in France; depleted state of the treasury; resignations and appointments; the States-General announced for January, 1789; second meeting of the *Assemblé des Notables* to discuss the best way of convoking it. Urging Franklin to work on his memoirs. The country inundated with political pamphlets and memoirs; no work to compare with [Comte] de Mirabeau's on the Prussian Monarchy; fear of a famine in France. A. L. S. 5 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 94.**

From **Sam[ue]l Vaughan.** 1788. October 10. St. James's, Jamaica.

Hopes Franklin will live to see the establishment of liberty and the security of property. Writes on behalf of his son Samuel who desires a government office under the new Constitution; thinks a place in the Foreign Department would be most suitable to his talents and inclinations. Obliged to remain in Jamaica another year to look after his property there. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 95.**

From **Jaco[b] Broom.** 1788. October 11. Wilmington.

Promises to urge Mr. C. J. Killen to pay the money due Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 96.**

From **Matth[ew] Clarkson** *et al.* Commissioners of the Bankrupt Office. 1788. October 13. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging the many favors conferred upon them by Franklin; wishing his invaluable life may be long preserved. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 97.**

From **Henry Pawling.** 1788. October 15.

Begs Franklin to honor his son and grandson with letters of recommendation to certain gentlemen; their purpose to set out for Kentucky and thence to New Orleans on a trading voyage. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 98.**

From **Henry Hill.** 1788. October 19. Philadelphia.

Setting forth certain conditions on which he wishes to borrow the sum of £1,000 sterling. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 99.**

From **David Redick.** 1788. October 23.

Received Franklin's letter by George; promises to carry out his wishes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 100.**

From [**Gen. John**] **P[eter Gabriel] Muhlenberg.** 1788. October 25.

Writes on behalf of Mr. Breneisen, a descendant of a noble Prussian family who gave up his position in the Prussian army to try his fortune in that of the United States; arrived only to find the war ended; so far has supported his family with difficulty by keeping a small school in the country; being now deprived of this position, desires to return to his own country. Busily engaged in the Board of Property. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 101.**

From **W[inthrop] Sargent.** 1788. October 31. Marietta, Ohio.

Transmits his observations on the weather for the months of September and October. Has been informed that the Academy of Manheim has been attentive in composing correspondent instruments for

almost all meteorological observations, some of which they are desirous of depositing in the various climes of this and other countries for comparative observations; shall be pleased to take charge of a set if that is the case. A. L. S. 5 p. **XLIX, 18.**

From **Rich[ar]d Wells.** 1788. November 3. Philadelphia.

Theophilus Gardner, for want of funds, is unable to claim an estate in Jamaica belonging to his family; begs Franklin to read the enclosed papers and see Mr. Gardner for a few minutes. L. in 3d P. 2 p. **XXXVI, 102.**

From **Joseph Elam.** 1788. November 8. Philadelphia.

Enclosing a copy of his letter to Gov. [Edmund] Randolph, protesting against being thought insane, and asking protection against being returned to the Pennsylvania Hospital as an escaped patient [4 p.]. Desires to meet his accusers face to face in Franklin's presence; if they will not agree to this, wishes his case laid before the Pennsylvania Assembly, in order that he may quietly enjoy the liberty of a freeholder and citizen. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 103.**

From **Eliza[beth] Partridge.** 1788. November 12. Boston.

Reminds him of his promise to settle in Boston; news of the Mecoms and Miss Betsy Steel; death of Mr. Benjamin Kent. Desires a copy of the letter he wrote when he continued the post-office to her mother. Enclosing a letter [2 p.] from Anne Hey to her father, Dr. Philip Van Horn, acknowledging the justice of his opposition to her marriage, detailing her husband's cruelty and desertion, her inability to support her two babies, and her wish to be forgiven and taken home again; begs Franklin to use his influence with Dr. Van Horn [in Philadelphia]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 104.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1788. November 29. Worcester, Eng.

Account of a remedy (caustic volatile alkali) which he and others have found very efficacious in cases of stone. Gave Franklin's remarks on Ventilation to the Royal Society of Edinburgh; could not find it in the American Philosophical [Society's] Transactions. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 105.**

From **Fran[ci]s Childs.** 1788. December 7. New York.

Expects to leave for Albany to attend the present session of the Legislature; on his return will proceed immediately to Philadelphia in order to make a final settlement of their account. Has ordered for Franklin a copy of his Sketch of the Debates of their Convention. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 106.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.**

1788. December 13. Port-au-Prince, St. Domingo.

Superiority of the mountain rice cultivated in St. Domingo. Numerous East Indian plants which flourish in the West Indies; too cold for the tea plant; hopes that will thrive better in the States. Hurricanes on the islands; those covered with woods are immune; whereas the prevalence of them in Jamaica followed rapidly on the clearing away of the mountain woods. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 107.**

From **Dr. [John] Haygarth.** 1788. December 15. Chester, [England].

Sending the enclosed papers; if they meet with Franklin's approval, begs he will communicate them to his countrymen in whatever manner he deems best. A few years before sent him, by Dr. [Thomas] Percival, an *Inquiry how to prevent the Small-pox.* A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 108.**

From **Pela[tiah] Webster.** 1788. December 18. Philadelphia.

The Society for Political Inquiries having advertised a premium for the best system of taxation, offers the enclosed essay. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 109.**

From **Rich[ar]d Price.** 1788. December.

Death of [Jonathan Shipley,] Bishop of St. Asaph. Messages to Dr. [Benjamin] Rush. Rejoiced at the adoption of the new Federal Constitution. Affairs in England; the King's insanity. Death of Lord Grantley. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 110.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 380; Bigelow, X, 42).

From **Tench Coxe.** [1788?] Monday.

Concerning the determination of the Abolition Society to forward several letters for the Governors of the other States. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 213.**

From ——— **Thomas.** [*Circa* 1788.]

With reference to his claim against Bache & Shee, of Philadelphia, and Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.], of Nantes, for a bale of dry goods shipped through the latter and for which he has not received a settlement. L. S. 3 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LXIX, 103.**

From **James K. Tobine.** [*Circa* 1788. Philadelphia.]

Excellent progress made by Franklin's school; unable to board and clothe himself on his present salary; his plan to live in the school-house; obliged to ask Franklin to advance him a quarter's salary. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 16.**

From **James K. Tobine.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Requests Dr. Franklin to head a subscription to enable him to publish his poem. A. L. S. 2 p.

Also a request for an increase in his salary as teacher in the Charity School. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLII, 68.**

From [**Jean Pierre Brissot de**] **Warville.**

[1788.] Saturday morning. Philadelphia.

Sending a volume entitled "Mémoires de l'Académie" which he has just received. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 246.**

From **Eliz[abe]t[h] Long.** 1789. January 5. Philadelphia.

Applies to him as the father of Pennsylvania for aid on behalf of herself and four small children. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 111.**

From ——— **Maschal, Sr.** 1789. January 21. Chambery.

Desires information concerning the practicability of establishing in America a manufactory for all sorts of hats. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 112.**

From [**Madame**] **Marchand.** 1789. January 27. Paris.

Money due her by M. de Charme, who went to Philadelphia to avoid his engagements in Paris; by Franklin's advice put her affairs in Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's hands; has heard nothing; begs him to speak to Mr. Barclay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 113.**

From [**Charles**] **Arthaud.** 1789. January 29: Au Cap [François].

Have elected Mr. Samuel Vaughan a member of their Society, *le Circle des Philadelphes;* sends by him two tokens from the Society, one for Franklin and the other for the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 114.**

From **A**[**melia**] **Barry.** 1789. February 9. Leghorn.

The little means left by Mr. Barry is in leases; in four years she will have no resources; desires to bury herself in the Apennines; her eldest daughter turned Roman Catholic. Begs Franklin to secure to her children the city lot left by him in the hands of Mr. Israel Pemberton. Acknowledging his kindness in the affair of the maps; fancies Gov. [Thomas] Pownall never succeeded in getting the balance of the account from Mr. [John] Almon. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 115.**

From **Abiel Holmes.** 1789. February 16. Midway, Georgia.

Desiring Franklin to furnish him with a list of books suitable for a general (private) library; purposes to make a collection of about four hundred volumes; although divinity is his chief study, will aim to pay attention to literature in general. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 116.**

From **Pierre Bon de Corcelles.** 1789. February 20. Neufchâtel.

Unable to emigrate to America; sends him the printed announcements of his memoir on American liberty. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 117.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1789. February 21. Passy.

Desires to be useful to Mr. Gouverneur Morris; expects to dine with Mr. Morris at the Duchesse d'Enville's; hopes to see a great deal of him. News of Franklin from M. Saugrain [de Vigny]. Presses him about his memoirs. Affairs in France; States-General convoked for April 27th. Franklin's work on the "difficulty of establishing a good Constitution founded entirely on the Sacred Writings" delighted him much; translated and printed in Paris. Bitterly cold winter; great misery among the people; commends the use of potatoes among the poor. Will take the music to Mme. Brillon, the first interpreter in France of American productions of this sort. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 118.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.** 1789. February 22. Paris.

Franklin's retirement to the country after his public office is terminated; hopes he will find time then to finish his memoirs. Need in France of a head like Franklin's. Pleasure he derived from his brief acquaintance with Mr. [Gouverneur] Morris. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 119.**

From **[Sir] Edward Newenham.** 1789. February 24. Dublin.

Sending a paper with the important debates on the Viceroy's insolent answer to both houses of Parliament; censure passed by them on the Viceroy; all Ireland on their side; hopes for certain reforms. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 119½.**

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1789. February 27. London.

Happy to hear that he is able to continue the history of his own life. Sends him Chambers's Dictionary of Arts and Sciences; knows of no better English Encyclopaedia. Glad to see that the prejudices and habits arising from the war, have given place to industry and sobriety. Revolutions in Europe all tending to a general improvement in manners and wiser systems. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate.) **XXXVI, 120 and 121.**

From **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1789. February 28. Paris.

Convalescent from a serious illness. Sends him *Le Voyage de Grèce* by L'Abbé [Jean Jacques] Barthélemy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 122.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1789. March 2. Boston.

Fate of the books which Franklin sent him to sell. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 122½.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 1789. March 6. Paris.

Hopeful outlook for America. Crisis in the life of France; begs Franklin to pray for her country. His plan to retire to the country; her own joy in a primitive life. Messages to his grandson. News of her own family. A. L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 12.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 436.

From **Comte de Moustier.** 1789. March 12. New York.

Removal of the packet boats between France and America renders correspondence much more difficult. Delay in the meeting of the new Congress likely to have a bad effect on public opinion; hopes the wisdom of their future measures will efface this first impression; high hopes of a close union of France and America under the new Administration. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 123.**

From **W[illiam] Barton.** 1789. March 16. Philadelphia.

Understands that four Trustees of the College [of Philadelphia] are to be elected that day; desires, with Franklin's approval, to have his name proposed for one of them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 124.**

From **[Chevalier de] St. Olympe.** 1789. March 29. Port-au-Prince.

Introducing M. [François Louis] Suleau. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 125.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1789. March 31. New York.

Sending [Jacques] Necker's speech to the Notables; if America does not make haste, other nations will become examples for her. Looks forward to seeing Franklin soon; three members lacking to complete both Houses [of Congress]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 126.**

From ——— **Gramaguac.** 1789. April 17. Paris.

On the part of the *Society of Friends of the Blacks,* sends him copies of various discourses and letters, with a list of the Society's members; M. Brissot de Warville, the soul of the Society; he will probably be appointed to present to the States-General a memoir, requesting them to name a Committee to examine the question of abolition; promises to keep him informed of the Society's work. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 127.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1789. April 23. Worcester [England].

Hopes America will guard against one great evil, a provision for the poor; poor rates in England said to exceed three millions. Received the apologue; sorry to see that England's treatment of America still rankles; England's large debt and worse extravagance; her commercial advantages. France abundantly punished for her treachery to England.

Compares Franklin to Timoleon; deserves a Plutarch to hand him down to posterity. Base manner in which [Francis] Bacon has been painted; few historians able to blend the philosopher and politician. Has withdrawn Franklin's paper on Ventilation from the Society of Edinburgh; their criticism of it was that it contained nothing new. Messages to Mrs. [Mary] Hewson and family. Desires to know how Mr. [John] Penn stands as to property; base abuse of Philadelphia's noble [High] street by placing a market in it. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 128.**

From **[Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard.** 1789. April 25. Passy.

State of affairs in France; on the eve of assembling the States-General; freedom of the press; demands for a Constitution; the nobility's insistence upon voting by orders; fears this will cause a schism; the Duke of Orleans a prominent figure. Great disorders among the laboring classes. Grand Mass performed at which the entire Court was present. Opening of the States-General; speeches made. Daily journal of the Convention suppressed after two numbers had appeared. Claims of the nobility the first difficulty. Names of some of the deputies chosen. A. L. 7 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 129.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, X, 387).

From **John Bard.** 1789. April 29. New York.

Introducing his granddaughter; illness of his wife. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 130.**

From **W[illiam] Barton.** 1789. May 2. Philadelphia.

Arrival of Mr. Aspinwall from Connecticut, with the laudable purpose of promoting the culture of silk; fears his project will fall through without the patronage of two or three gentlemen of distinction; Franklin's name would be of great service to him; reasons why he should be encouraged. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 131.**

From **The Bank of North America.** 1789. May 4. Philadelphia.

Concerning the renewal of a small note. A. L. S. Tho[ma]s Willing. 1 p. **XXXVI, 132.**

From **Robert Harris.** 1789. May 13. New York.

Was First Lieutenant on board the "Reprisal" which had the honor to carry Franklin to France; begs a line of recommendation to President Washington or Vice-President Adams; wishes a position which would enable him to provide for his family; having only one arm, is unable to earn his bread by hard labor at sea. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 133.**

From **Noah Webster[, Jr.].** 1789. May 20. Hartford.

Enclosing a letter from Abiel Holmes, whom he begs leave to introduce to Franklin. Has finished his Dissertations on the Language; will send Franklin a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 134.**

From **Philip Kinsey.** 1789. May 25.

Informs him that his brother James, about 30 years ago, lent him a mahogany box containing sundry geometrical solid bodies, being the first six books of Euclid's elements, which were never returned. If the box can be obtained in good order, he can dispose of it for as much as it cost him; or if he would like to keep them, he can have the other box containing the remaining six books. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLV, 221a.**

From **J[oh]n Vaughan.** 1789. May 26. Philadelphia.

Mr. Russell about to sail for England; expects to see Dr. [Joseph] Priestley and will take charge of anything for him or any other of Franklin's friends. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 135.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1789. May 30. London.

Sending Franklin the papers on Ventilation; hopes he will amend and correct whatever is amiss. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 136.**

From **Alex[ande]r Small.** 1789. June 2. London.

Has used Franklin's suggestion to erect his ear into a kind of trumpet when he wishes to hear anything; finds it a help. His experiments with bees, and with the insects which destroy hops; explanation of the origin of insects as he conceived it occurred. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 137.**

From **Dr. [Thomas] Ruston.** 1789. June 9. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging his very obliging certificate. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 138.**

From **Joseph Fleming.** 1789. June 12. Philadelphia.

Acknowledging Franklin's former kindness to his aged father in England; applies for further assistance for the old man; his heart full of filial feeling but he is unable to assist him financially. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 139.**

From **August König.** 1789. June 14. Philadelphia.

Account of his emigration from Hanover, of a shipwreck, the loss of all his belongings and his arrival with his family at Charleston, naked, sick and poor; aid given them by charitable persons; their arrival in Philadelphia; desires to pay his respects to Franklin and to become an American citizen. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 140.**

From **Jaco[b] Broom.** 1789. June 15. Wilmington.

Concerning payment by Chief-Justice Killen of a debt due Franklin, by his son Jacob A. Killen; cause of delay due to Mr. Killen's not having received any of his salary for three years; prospect of its being paid after harvest. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 141.**

From **François Steinsky.** 1789. June 17. Prague.

Three years before, sent him a translation of his (Franklin's) works in German together with the Proceedings of a Society under the auspices of the Prince de Fürstenberg. Sends him now his own small periodical work as well as a work on physics by Abbé Gruber. Question of publishing a sketch of Franklin's life with a list of his writings. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 142.**

From **[Phineas] Bond [Jr.].** 1789. June 17. Philadelphia.

Sending Franklin some English papers. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XXXVI, 143.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1789. June 18. Bordeaux.

Satisfaction in France over the state of affairs in America. Present motions in the House of Representatives for raising a revenue likely to

decrease imports; work on this subject by M. Le Trone (*De l'Administration Provincial et de la Reform de l'Impot*). Forwards the Proceedings of the States-General; eloquent and erudite debates on political questions. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 144.**

From **Odolant Desnos.** 1789. June 21. Alençon.

Begs Franklin to insert a notice in the principal American newspapers, asking for any information of his son, Gaspard Jacques Desnos Odolant, who sailed for America in June, 1777, and has never been heard from since. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 145.**

From **Jno. Lovely.** 1789. June 22. Philadelphia Jail.

Begging Franklin's influence with the [Supreme] Executive Council [of Pennsylvania] to obtain his release. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 146.**

From **Rob[er]t Morris.** 1789. June 29. New York.

Sure that Franklin's bills were honored by M. [Ferdinand] Grand, but has no advices respecting the time of acceptance or payment. Last advices received from Mr. G[ouverneur] Morris at Paris; hears he is much in fashion there. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 147.**

From **Begouan, Demeaux & Co.** 1789. June 30. Havre.

Sending Franklin a packet confided to them by M. [Ferdinand] Grand of Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 148.**

From **Samuel Howland.** 1789. June. Newport, R. I.

Desires to peruse two volumes, entitled *The Preceptor, Treating of the Polite Branches of Literature;* understands that Franklin gave them to Sylvester Folger, whose widow now owns them, but is unwilling to loan them. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 149.**

From **J[oh]n Vaughan.** 1789. July 1. Philadelphia.

Settlement of a small money matter. News of his family in England. Costly illuminations in London in honor of the King's recovery; unpopularity of the Prince [of Wales]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 150.**

From **Tho[ma]s Franklin.** 1789. July 1. Philadelphia.

Concerning the interest due on a certain bond; hopes to pay it on the sixth. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 151.**

From **——— La Terriere.** 1789. July 1. Bordentown.

Desiring the return of a volume of M. [Jacques] Necker's writings lent to Franklin five or six months ago. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 152.**

From **R[ober]t Hare.** 1789. July 14. Philadelphia.

Trusts Franklin's papers will promote a reformation in the past system of education; discusses his plan to separate the English school from the jurisdiction of the Provost and Faculty of the College [of Philadelphia]; thinks this too radical at present. A. L. S. 5 p. **XXXVI, 153.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1789. July 15. Bordeaux.

French politics; the first two orders forced to unite with the Third Estate; the West Indies represented in the National Assembly, a good precedent for other European States holding Colonies. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 154.**

From **Samuel Vaughan, Jr.** 1789. July 18. Philadelphia.

Sum charged for the musical bells he brought Franklin from Europe. List of books lent to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 155.**

From **John Walter.** 1789. July 18. London.

Sending him a number of books for which he subscribed; his failure to procure the King's name at the head of his list of subscribers due, he thinks, to Franklin's name being there. Difficulties in the way of his completing his system of logographic printing; begs Franklin to recommend him both as printer and bookseller. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 156.**

From **Sam[ue]l Mather.** 1789. July 19. London.

Sending him an essay on the Powers and Mechanism of Nature, by his friend Robert Young, Esq., also the first report of the London Philanthropic Society, of which Mr. Young was the institutor; recommends Mr. Young for membership in the [American] Philosophical Society. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 157.**

From **W[illia]m Nelson, Jr.** 1789. July 20. Williamsburg.

Reminding Franklin that Mr. John Paradise never became a British subject but took the oath of fidelity to the United States when Franklin was Ambassador to France; desires a certificate of his having taken the oath, in order to settle a law-suit. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 158.**

From **August König.** 1789. July 21. Philadelphia.

Reminding Franklin of his impoverished state; received promise of aid from Governor [Thomas] Mifflin provided he could procure a recommendation from Franklin; hopes he will not refuse him this grace. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 159.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** 1789. July 22. Passy.

News of his ill health received from Mr. [Thomas] Jefferson; affairs in France; energy and prudence shown by a Nation accused of volatility; incredible revolution which has taken place; the yoke of priests, nobles and King shaken off; the Nation mistress of her fate; all this accomplished without bloodshed; America's example a great help and inspiration; Marquis de la Fayette chosen to command the bourgeois militia of Paris [National Guard]; storming of the bastille; M. [Jean Sylvain] Bailly Mayor of Paris; lawless acts by bands of ruffians driven out of Paris; himself, commands the militia of Passy. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 160.**

From **Moses Young.** 1789. July 23. Bordeaux.

Introducing Col. [John Skey] Eustace of New York, who desires to transmit to Franklin some important papers relative to the Revolution in France. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 161.**

From [**Sir**] **Edward Newenham.** 1789. July 26.

Acknowledging receipt of American newspapers; reports of Franklin's illness; question of reducing the two reluctant States to join the other eleven; considers the Mississippi a noble boundary; desires Franklin's opinion on equal taxation and other transactions of Congress. Account of an illness from which he is just convalescing. Weather conditions and crops. His views on affairs in France; honorable action of the Duke of Orleans and the Archbishop of Bordeaux; can boast no such virtuous ecclesiastics in Ireland. Damage done by the heavy rains.

Denounces the present Viceroy, ([George Nugent-Temple-Grenville, Duke of] Buckingham); certain unpromising conditions in Ireland. News of a bloody revolution in France; sums up the main events; French refugees in Dublin. A. L. S. 4 p. **XXXVI, 162.**

From **Fr. William Kluseman.** 1789. July 26. Philadelphia.

His reasons for leaving Prussia and coming to America; account of his business ventures and losses; present plan to keep a little shop in Philadelphia; all his hopes crushed by being sued for an old debt of five pounds; begs Franklin to assist him to pay this sum and so put him on his feet. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 163.**

From [**Charles**] **Arthaud.** 1789. July 27. Au Cap [François].

Sending him a work on mineral waters published by their club [Le Cercle des Philadelphes]. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 164.**

From **John Wright.** 1789. July 31. London.

Franklin's essay [Address to the Inhabitants of the United States on the Disaffection that has prevailed towards the New System of Government introduced in that Country] published in the Gentleman's Magazine for February. Hopes to see the new Constitution established through *all* the States; Dr. [Richard] Price's opinion that the world is not yet good enough for a democratic government; believes that the world grows better and better; instances the efforts made to abolish slavery. France bordering on famine and civil war; Marquis de la Fayette at the head of the populace; report that the Comte d'Artois, who escaped from the fury of the mob at Paris, has erected his standard in Flanders. Delighted to hear that Franklin is writing his memoirs. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 165.**

From **Delaunay des Blardierres.** 1789. August 1. Paris.

Sends a copy of a letter from M. Saugrain de Vigny to M. de Lassize; no further doubt conceivable of M. Picque's death; authentic proof needed however in order to settle M. Picque's estate and carry out his will; applies to Franklin for the necessary data; begs him to have the possessions of the deceased forwarded to France. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 166.**

From **Andrew Ellicott.** 1789. August 6. New York.

Concerning a bill before Congress for the appointment of a Geographer for the United States, and a Surveyor-General for the Western Territory; has made application for the office; begs Franklin to write a letter in his favor to the President of the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 168.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1789. August 8. Bordeaux.

Affairs in France; M. [Jean Sylvain] Bailly is Chief Magistrate of Paris; Marquis de la Fayette, Commander-in-Chief of the Militia; all the Provinces aping the example of the Capital; the King's surrender to the will of the National Assembly, who, having calmed all commotions, are busy framing a Constitution; America quoted as an example. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 169.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1789. August 18. Bordeaux.

Affairs in France; spirited and liberal measures passed by the National Assembly; universal tolerance, etc.; all disturbances appear to be quieting down. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 170.**

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1789. August 29. London.

Question of Mr. [John] Tyler's legacy; extract on the subject from Mr. William Russell's letter. Books forwarded to Franklin; unable to get the Gentleman's Magazine further back than 1783. Refers Franklin for French news to the numerous published accounts. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 171.**

From **D[avid] Hartley.** 1789. August. London.

Condoles with him on the painful state of his health. Delighted that he will see the fruits of liberty diffused through the nations of mankind; the rights of mankind to liberty and free government acknowledged as of divine origin. Origin of the revolution in France. His hope of a future close union of England and America. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 172.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, Jr.** 1789. September 6. Boston.

Mrs. [Jane] Mecom in better health and spirits. News of Mrs. [Elizabeth] Partridge, Gov. [James] Bowdoin and Col. Ingersoll.

Describing the kind of mystical philosophy to which his father was converted in 1772; bad effect on his business; his mother determined to take in boarders; his brother Jack's business in Philadelphia. Disposition made of the books which Franklin desired sold. A. L. S. 6 p. **XXXVIII, 176.**

From [Sir] **Edward Newenham.** 1789. September 13.

Amazing revolution in France; sums up the various startling events there; admires the Duc de la Rochefoucauld's speech in favor of a free press; depicts the humiliating situation of the King of France. Ireland's admiration for the Marquis de la Fayette. Thinks England will soon be involved in a war. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVI, 173.**

From **John Bondfield.** 1789. September 15. Bordeaux.

French affairs; list of articles under debate in the National Assembly. Explains the advantage to America could she export wheat to Europe this year on her own account; the crops in France will fall far short of the demand. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 174.**

From **R[obert] Patterson.** 1789. September 17. Philadelphia.

The meeting of the [American] Philosophical Society will take place at Franklin's house, if that will permit his being present; if he cannot attend, the meeting will be held at their Hall on Fifth street, which is in some degree prepared for their reception. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 175.**

From **G[eorge] Washington.** 1789. September 23. New York.

Expressions of friendship for him and of sympathy for his sufferings; assuring him of the admiration and veneration of the entire Nation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 176.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 396; Bigelow, X, 148).

From **W[illia]m Vaughan.** 1789. September 23. London.

Sending a copy of a letter from Mr. Garbutt together with his answer; hopes Mr. John Tyler will immediately take the necessary steps to pay his debts and release his legacy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 177.**

From [Sir] Edw[ar]d Newenham. 1789. September 26.

Radical Resolutions of the National Assembly, limiting the power of the King; Ireland in great suspense; dissolution of present Parliament expected; rumors as to the Viceroy's return; the promises he has violated. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 178.**

From Hannah Hay. 1789. September 26. Philadelphia.

Begging his assistance to recover certain property, for which she has tried these two years past to obtain a settlement; wishes to return to her children and friends in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 179.**

From Benjamin West. 1789. October 8. London.

Introducing their ingenious countryman, Mr. John Trumbull, one of the foremost of living artists, who is about to do some work in his native country. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 180.**

From Jona[than] Williams, Jr. 1789. October 10. Boston.

About to sail for Richmond; hopes to fix the true course of the western edge of the gulf stream. Money received from the sale of his books. A. L. S. 3 p. **XXXVIII, 177.**

From Alex[ande]r Small. 1789. November 1. Newent, England.

Sending him a work on bees by Mr. Buter; peculiarities in orthography which has deterred many from reading it; suggests that he reprint and publish it. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 181.**

From Getlah Hays. 1789. November 1. New York.

Decease of her husband, Solomon Hays, whom Franklin will probably recollect; has great difficulty in getting along, owing to various money losses; complains of being both old and poor. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 182.**

From Le Ray de Chaumont, fils. 1789. November 2. Philadelphia.

Will abide by Franklin's counsel and remain in America; has written his father to that effect. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 183.**

From **Jaco[b] Broom.** 1789. November 6. Wilmington.

The debt due Franklin by Jacob A. Killen; no difficulty in having the bond renewed. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 184.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1789. November 7. Boston.

Account of his money losses. Blessings he has enjoyed through life. Affectionate relations between himself and his Aunt [Jane] Mecom. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 185½.**

From **Jno. Trumbull.** 1789. November 25. New York.

Enclosing Franklin a letter from his friend Benjamin West; looks upon Franklin as his patron; has begun a series of pictures treating of the great events of the Revolution, hence his presence in America; hopes he can count on Franklin's approbation and protection. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 186.**

From **William Killen.** 1789. November 25. Dover, [Delaware].

Unavoidable delay in paying Franklin a debt contracted by his son [Jacob A. Killen]; sends sixty pounds; begs to be informed if that amount does not fully cover the principal and interest. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 187.**

From **Gunn[in]g Bedford, Jr.** 1789. November 27. Wilmington.

Papers of Mr. Parker in much confusion; fortunately found the one Franklin wanted. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 188.**

From **David Ramsay.** 1789. December 9. Charleston.

Returning the History of Lord North's Administration, which was placed by mistake among his books. Expressing gratitude for favors received. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 189.**

From **Miles Merwin.** 1789. December 15. Philadelphia.

Desires permission to dedicate to Franklin his History of the United States, for which he was kind enough to subscribe; encloses the dedication for any corrections Franklin may see fit to make. A. L. S. 4 p.

E. by Franklin. Sensible of the honor done him but cannot consent to the publication of such excessive enconiums of his conduct; hopes Mr. Merwin will pardon his refusal. **XXXVI, 190.**

From **Geo[rge] Parkinson.** 1789. December 22. Philadelphia.

Desires to explain an invention of his own for spinning hemp, flax and wool into yarn; thinks it may prove of general utility to the United States. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 191.**

From **[John] Paul Jones.** 1789. December 27. Amsterdam.

The enclosed documents from the Count de Ségur will partly explain his reasons for leaving Russia; dark intrigues and mean subterfuges to which he was exposed by Asiatic jealousy and malice; wishes such use to be made of the enclosed papers as to justify him in the eyes of his friends in America; expects to remain some time longer in Europe; thinks the Baltic will witness warmer work than it has yet done. Has sent the Empress his journal to show her how she has been deceived by his enemies. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 192.**

From **John Shaw.** [*Circa* 1789.]

A request for aid. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 111.**

From **Enoch Story, Jr.** [1789?]

Sending him a volume of poems by William Smith, Attorney at Law, of Pennsylvania. About to publish the travels of Mr. [William] Bartram, botanist; encloses proposals and hopes it will meet with his approbation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 201.**

From **James Perkins, Jr.** 1790. January 7. Boston.

Concerning the 11th Article in the treaty between France and America, namely, that the subjects of the United States shall not be reputed aliens in France and are exempted from the *droits d'aubaine;* this has been made to apply solely to the Continental dominions of France; the French Colonies denied its benefits; their estates confiscated on their decease; desires to know the true significance of the said Article; his interests in Saint Domingo his excuse for this request. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 192½.**

From **W[illiam] Barton.** 1790. January 15. Philadelphia.

Reminds Franklin that he possesses several papers which he intended to communicate to the American Philosophical Society; a meeting to be held that evening, if Franklin is not too much indisposed he may desire to make the communication then. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 193.**

From **Jam[e]s Pemberton.** 1790. February 5. Philadelphia.

Enclosing two copies of a memorial by the Pennsylvania Society for promoting the Abolition of Slavery; requests Franklin, as President of the Society, to forward one to the President of the Senate and the other to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 194.**

From **David Redick.** 1790. February 12. Philadelphia.

Returning the letters, etc., with which he favored him; pleased to find a French nobleman so democratic; surprised that France should take America rather than England as an example; puts that down to Franklin's influence; his appreciation of Franklin's esteem and his conviction of his own unworthiness. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 195.**

From **Le Ray de Chaumont, fils.** 1790. March 8. New York.

His father's accounts with the United States not yet finally settled; wishes to hasten matters in order to return to France; begs Franklin to add a line to the enclosed letter to Mr. [Edmund] Randolph, if he thinks it will help; his father still at Chaumont, refusing to settle his business or sell any of his property before the writer's return. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 196.**

From **L. Preaud.** 1790. March 8. Mâcon [France].

Death of his brother-in-law, Honoré Girond, in North Carolina; desires Franklin's influence to obtain from the French Consul, the settlement of his brother's estate. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XXXVI, 197.**

From **Richard Peters.** 1790. March 29. Philadelphia.

Concerning a bill before the House on an application of John Churchman; a letter from Mr. [Nevil] Maskelyne to Franklin said to contain some material information; begs Franklin to send the letter or an extract from it. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 198.**

From **Jona[than] Williams, [Sr.].** 1790. April 1. Boston.

Announcing the death of his wife; her many admirable qualities; his Aunt [Jane] Mecom much shaken by this loss. A. L. S. 2 p. **XXXVI, 200.**

From **Richard Peters.** 1790. April 2. Philadelphia.

Returning Mr. [Nevil] Maskelyne's letter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XXXVI, 199.**

LETTERS OF UNKNOWN DATE, RECEIVED DURING DR. FRANKLIN'S RESIDENCE IN FRANCE—1776-1785.

From [**Madame**] **Aillaud.** August 26.

Begging his influence with Comte de Buffon to procure her a pension; Mlle. Basseporte's precarious state of health renders this precaution necessary. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 159.**

From [**Nathaniel?**] **Appleton.** Saturday. Paris.

Accepting invitation to dine with Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 123.**

From **Jacques Christopher Baberty.** April 5. Paris.

Asking for assistance to enable him to return to his family in Canada. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 113.**

From [**Jean Jacques**] **Bachelier.**

Requests return of his memoir on "Le Cours d'Arts and Metiers." N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 21b.**

From **Nicolas Baillard.**

Was watchman of the ship "Eliza Belle" captured by American privateers; requests Franklin to let him have the wood used for packing the cargo of said vessel. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 92.**

From **Edw[ar]d Bancroft.**

Has received the enclosed letter (LXXIV, 97, see Vol. IV, p. 369) from Mrs. Bousie respecting the passport. Has some knowledge of Mr. Audibert, Captain of the Port of Calais, and from his letter has no doubt of Mr. Sartine's having given the passport mentioned. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 96.**

From **——— de Barisais.**

Application for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 90.**

From [**Madame**] **N. Baussan.**

Very much annoyed that their trip to Versailles did not include more of Franklin's society; begs him to make it up to her another day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 141.**

From [**Mme. N.**] **Baussan.**

Postponing the date for a dinner to which Franklin was invited. Hopes Mme. Brillon and her family will be able to come with Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 134.**

From **Joseph Berington.** Paris.

Presenting a letter of introduction from Dr. [Joseph] Priestley, with his last two publications; anxious to wait on Franklin at Passy, if his limited time permits. Urges Franklin to reunite a divided and falling empire. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 103.**

From ——— **Berna.**

Requesting Dr. Franklin to send his reply to a letter from M. Dumont of Mayence. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 25.**

From [**Mlle.**] **de Bissey.** January 21. Paris.

Is a half orphan, aged eighteen; ill in bed at present; begs Franklin to come to see her; promises to excite his pity and deserves his assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 96.**

From ——— **Blanchard.** Paris?

Kindness shown him by M. de MacMahon. Detailed account of his present unfortunate situation; begs for assistance. A. L. S. 12 p. (In French.) **XLI, 120.**

From ——— **Blanchard.**

If Dr. Franklin cannot aid him in any material way, craves a few moments' audience. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 121.**

From **D. Bond.**

Asking a question or two concerning the certificates. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLI, 135.**

From ——— **de Bougon.**

Inquires what day he and Dr. Franklin are invited to dine at the Duc de la Val[l]ière's. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 29a.**

From **Dr. De Bourzeil.**

Sending a pamphlet on the science of healing. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 99.**

From **Victor Breda.**

His present destitute condition; a Swiss by birth; taken prisoner by the English at the battle of Trenton; begs Franklin to send him back to America, where he desires to finish his days. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 97.**

From **Alexis Bremont.**

Served in the United States, begs Dr. Franklin for assistance. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 97.**

From **Est[h]er Brickland Dumay.**

Appeal for assistance to enable her to rejoin her husband Ignace Dumay, who is at Metz. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 29.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** 22d. La Thuillerie.

Was sorry to hear that Franklin has been ill. Will go to see him in a few days on her return to Passy. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 40.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Saturday evening.

Inviting Franklin to come to her house with a friend of his. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 51.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Tuesday, 9th. Franconville.

Description of the country place where she is stopping. Would be happier living there always with her children and a few friends than in Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 53.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Wednesday morning.

M. [François Philippe] Charpentier, a skilful machinist and a friend of the Abbé de St. Non will call to see Franklin about some printing presses. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 63.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Thursday morning.

Reminds Franklin of his promise to lend her one of his works in which he explains the phenomenon of water spouts. Likes serious and instructive reading. A. L. (In French.) **XLIII, 67.**

From **Mme. Brillon.**

Speaks of her sadness after Franklin's departure from her country house where he had stayed a few days. He has taken in her affections the place of her father whom she lost too soon. Asks Franklin to come back again to her house with his son [William Temple Franklin] and M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 73.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Tuesday evening.

"A band of corsairs," mostly of the female sex, is going to make an attack on Franklin's house and larder on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 75.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Thursday.

Her daughter being sick, is unable to call on Franklin that morning. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 76.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Sunday 30th. Passy.

M. [Paul Jérémie] Bitaubé has been introduced to her. Asks Franklin to bring him on Wednesday evening. Does not think he needs to buy a certain secret for imitating handwriting, as he seems to have stolen it. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 78.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Sunday.

M. Brillon has been unable to get a harp. Can send him a piano if it will serve his purpose. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 81.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Thursday, 22d. Passy.

Relating an occurrence which had taken place at a friend's house when a certain American, and an intimate friend of Franklin, had insulted a lady there present by throwing her letter on the ground and walking on it. The lady is very angry over the affair. Only Franklin can arrange the matter. Invites him to tea and asks him to bring his compatriot. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 84.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** ——. Saturday.

Returning a letter of Franklin's for M. [Pierre Charles] de Parseval. Nothing to correct in it. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 98.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Phil. Soc., XL, 110.

From **Mme. Brillon.** Wednesday morning.

Sends a letter from the good Bishop of M—— who had just left for Corsica. Asks Franklin to carry out the Bishop's recommendations if possible. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 107.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Saturday.

Asks Franklin to return her the good Bishop's letter, as she wishes to write to him. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 99.**

From **Mme. Brillon.**

Chides Franklin for leaving her house earlier than usual one evening, because she was engaged with some ladies. Was annoyed and angry when she learned he had left so soon. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 100.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Thursday morning.

Does not know whether she can go to see Franklin that evening. Proposes to him to take tea at M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard's on his return from Paris. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 101.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Tuesday, 13th. Passy.

Asks Franklin to write to members of the French Academy whom he may know in favor of M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard who is a candidate for one of the vacant seats. Sends him a list of the members entitled to vote. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 104.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** ——. Saturday.

Asks him to come to her house at nine o'clock with his two sons. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 108.**

By **Mme. Brillon.**

On the four seasons: Glycère (spring), Celimène (summer), Erigonne (autumn), and Cloris (winter). An allegorical tale in verse. A Poem. 4 p. (In French.) **LI, 10.**

By **Mme. Brillon.**

Colin and Lisette. Chanson. A Ballad. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 11.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** July 30. Passy.

Sending a piece of music which she copied. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 30b.**

From **Mme. Brillon.**

Sending an engraving presented to Franklin by Abbé de St. Non. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 32b.**

From **Mme. Brillon.** Wednesday.

Sends twelve engravings from the Abbé de St. Non for Franklin to give to his friends in Paris and America. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 60.**

From **R. Bruelt.** Luxembourg.

Sending him a new treatise on Physics which he can recommend. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 101.**

From **Chevalier de Burecourt.**

Eighty-five years old and bed-ridden; lacks the bare necessities of life; applies to Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.)

A. Mem. by Dr. Franklin. Doubts the truth of this story. (In French.) **XLI, 9.**

From **Pierre le Cacheur, Julien Bertols, ——— Farcis, and ——— Vincent.**

Reasons for their arrest. Mem. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 21.**

From **François Cadio and ——— Venant fils.**

Request passports and passage to America. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 99.**

From ——— **Calkoen.**

A Dutch traveller who asks for an interview with "the Patron of Liberty." N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 41c.**

From **A Charitable Committee for the Assistance of Prisoners.**

Soliciting Franklin's aid. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 91.**

From **Guillaume Chemisard.**

Requesting an interview. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 125.**

From ——— **Clauser.** Paris.

Sending Franklin an engraving or printing machine, entrusted to his care by M. de Goué. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 20.**

From **Jacques Comte.**

Ship captain of Bordeaux wishes to confer with Franklin on some American business. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 101.**

From **Mme. Constard.** May 9. Paris.

Forwarding a letter to Franklin on behalf of one of her friends. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 73.**

From **Mme. de Covay.**

Recommends a cook to Dr. Franklin in case he needs one. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 74.**

From **Pierre Croize.**

Begging Franklin to render them some assistance. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 39.**

From ——— **D'Andrieu, of Carcassonne.**

Petitions for assistance to enable him to go to America. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 102.**

From ——— **Defouchy.**

Has received no reply to his former request for a moment's audience; desires to speak with him on an important matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 47.**

From **Mr., Mme. and Mlle. Defouchy.**

Called to see Dr. Franklin. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
XLIII, 172.

From **J[ohn] L[ouis] De Lome.**

Called to see him before leaving for England but finding him occupied did not care to interrupt him, will call again. A. L. S. 2 p.
XLIV, 257.

From **Chevalier Delseny.** Bordeaux.

Owing to illness is obliged to forward Franklin the letters entrusted to him by Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 15.**

From ——— **Des Etres.** Paris.

Asking for a few moments' audience. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) A. E. by Franklin. Mentioning the day and hour. **XLI, 16.**

From ——— **Desmarain.**

Presenting Franklin with a basket of strawberries, the fruits of his own gardening. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 3.**

From ——— **Devellenne.** Paris.

Statement in Bacon's Philosophical Works that the Greeks condemned to death the first physicists who presumed to explain the natural causes of thunder; applies to Franklin for aid in verifying this. Question of a belief in God; attitude of Voltaire—of Socrates. A. L. S. 6 p. (In French.) **XLII, 119.**

From [**Mme.**] **Deville.**

Confined to her bed by an illness lasting six months; in great need of money; offers to sell Franklin a rare old trinket for four louis. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLI, 2.**

From [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.**

Recommending M. Prevost a man of much talent who desires to have an interview with him before going to America. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 200.**

From [Barbeu] **Dubourg.** March 30.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to allow M. Gardeur to paint his portrait. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 83b.**

From [Charles Marguerite Jean Baptiste Mercier] **Dupaty.** December 30. Paris.

Criticism of the book lent him by Franklin; begs for the loan of the other volumes. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 218.**

From ——— **Dursousquet.**

Begging Franklin's charity on behalf of his two children, both in the cradle and without bread to eat. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 45.**

From ——— **Dursousquet.**

Asking for succor for himself and his two children, abandoned by their mother. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 46.**

From **An English Gentleman.**

Wishes an interview. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 103b.**

From **Lenormant d'Etioles.**

Regrets having missed Franklin when he called with M. Bougon; authorized by the Comte de Vergennes to speak with Franklin on an important matter. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 154.**

From **Mme. Filleul.** Thursday 28.

Requests Dr. Franklin to send her word about the Comtesse d'Artois, if he has received any news that day. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 173.**

From **Mme. Filleul.** Wednesday.

Sends the three last volumes of the Memoirs of Baron Delott. Requests Dr. Franklin to send her the day's journal. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 174.**

From ——— **Filleul.**

Announcing the birth of a son. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 72a.**

From **Mme. Filleul.**

Requesting Franklin to take her in his carriage to the ball at Mme. Brillon's. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 72b.**

From **John Fox.**

A begging letter from one who suffered in America's struggle for freedom. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLI, 149.**

From **[John] Fox.**

An Englishman by birth but married and settled in France, is in distress and appeals to Franklin for assistance. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 38.**

From **F. Frederic.**

A French priest; desires Franklin's influence with the King to procure him the place of Chaplain; number of savages he converted to the Roman Catholic religion, at the same time making them faithful subjects of France and America. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XL, 49.**

From **A French Sailor.**

Appeal for assistance. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LX, 45.**

From **Jean Jacques Froncy.**

Is condemned to imprisonment for life for the larceny of a small sum of money; begs Franklin to use his influence to obtain his release, L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 47.**

From **Jean Jacques Froncy.** Brest.

Asking him to procure his release from prison. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 42.**

From ——— **Gautier.** Paris.

Presenting Franklin with a ring of his own workmanship, a sardonyx with an engraved allegorical design. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 34.**

From **Jacques Gautier.**

Is a poor sailor; begs for assistance to go to Bordeaux. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 84.**

From ——— **Gerard.**

Is a writer and man of letters. Forced by necessity and want to discontinue a literary work he was engaged on. Appeals to Franklin for help to enable him to continue his writings. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 52.**

From ——— **Gerard.**

Brusque and cruel refusal of his request for assistance; driven to importune him by his necessities. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 29.**

From **Antoine Gonnet.**

Concerning a protested note. Mem. 1 p. **LXI, 146.**

From **Jean David Gouther.**

Begging for aid to enable him to return to his native place in Switzerland. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 22.**

From [**D. P.**] **Granchez.**

Requests Dr. Franklin to return a compass which was delivered in mistake for his own. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 105.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

Sending Franklin his reply to M. [Jean] Durival, which if approved, can be sent at once by M. de Vergennes's courier. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 186.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

Sending him the new proof; asks for his opinion in order that he may give the printer his instructions. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 188.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

No reply received from Versailles concerning the letter for Congress. A. L. in 3d p. 1 p. **XLII, 190.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

Relating to the bills M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont had obtained from him for the freight. A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 191.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

Sending paper for Franklin to sign, also the two bills of M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 192.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

Case of an American, M. Myers, who had his trunk containing bills on Congress and valuable papers, stolen from his carriage; fears it was the work of a spy and not a thief. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 195.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.**

Thinks it necessary to go to Versailles. If Franklin can lend him his carriage would leave early in the morning. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 182.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.**

With reference to an error of figures in the amount of a draft presented for payment. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 107.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.**

Requesting Franklin to sign a draft. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 106b.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.**

Requesting Franklin to look over the draft of a memoir which he is drawing up for him. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 107.**

From [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.**

He and M. Boux have arrived from Paris and wish to see Messrs. Franklin and [William] Carmichael. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 108.**

From [**Ferdinand Grand**].

With reference to Comte de Vergennes and to a claim which he (Grand) had to certain moneys. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 85a.**

From **The Grand Family.** ——. Saturday morning.

Asking if Dr. Franklin will do them the honor to dine with them on Sunday. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 185.**

From **Grand l'ainé.**

Expressing his father's regret at not seeing Franklin, owing to illness. Acknowledging Franklin's interest in the birth of his child. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 197.**

From **[Madame Ferdinand] Grand.**

Has commenced the coverlet in order to make the work easier for his daughter [Mrs. Richard Bache]; sends it together with the ivory needles. Condoles with him on the inconstancy of one of his loves, who is to marry M. de Forbouay. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 212.**

From **[Sir] George Grand.**

Date of the Abbé de Breteuil's dinner. M. Boux's affair. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 210.**

From **[Henry] Grand.**

Sending Franklin particulars of the failure of the firm of Marlar & Stewart in London. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 110.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.**

Returning his order relative to Mr. [John] Jay's acceptances. Asking his approbation to the list of bills sent by Messrs. Parish & Thomson. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 199.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.**

Desiring a passport for an English lady. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 201.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.** November 29. Paris.

Introducing Mr. Henry Jarley who is eager for an interview with Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 202.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.**

At his father's request sends Franklin the enclosed letter. Desires to know Franklin's determination relative to his account. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLII, 204.**

From **H[enr]y Grand.**

Desiring Franklin's presence at his house to see the *Procession du Bon Dieu.* A. L. S. 1 p. **XLII, 205.**

From **Mme. Greuze.**

Asks Franklin to use his good offices in favor of a French officer. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 189.**

From ——— **Guicherit.**

Forwarding a letter to Dr. Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 111.**

From ——— **Guilin.**

A fruit dealer at Chaillot; complains of being deprived of his custom through the ill will of Franklin's butler. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 94.**

From ——— **Guyot.**

Will set out for England on Tuesday. Called to take leave of Dr. Franklin and receive his orders. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 187.**

From **John Halliman** *to* **Benjamin Franklin and the Marquis de la Fayette.**

Verses S. 1 p. **LI, 56.**

From **Madame d'Halluin.**

Lives by the work of her hands; sends Franklin two vests which she begs him to purchase for four and a half louis. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 175.**

From **Mme. d'Halluin.** May 30.

Acknowledging the important service rendered her by Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 48.**

From [**Mme.**] **d'Halluin.** August 8.

Forced to quit France on business; lacks the means for travelling; begs Franklin to buy the enclosed book for three louis. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 159.**

From **Baronne de Haltzendorff.**

Requesting him to forward a letter for her. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 233.**

From **Mme. d'Hardoncelle.**

Asks him to induce M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont to accept an invitation to dine with her. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 265.**

From **Mme. d'Hardoncelle.**

Will call on Franklin the next Monday and take breakfast with him. Invites him to go afterwards to Surennes with some friends and dine. A. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 266.**

From ——— **Havet.** Montreuil.

Begging Franklin's assistance on behalf of a widow and two young children in his parish. A. L. S. 4 p. (In French.) **XL, 164.**

From **I. Hooper.**

His decision to return to America; begs Franklin to assist him in procuring convenient accommodations on a ship bound for the Continent. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 154.**

From [**I.**] **Hooper.** Paris.

Sets out early in the morning for Orléans; if he should hear of any other than the present opportunity, begs to be notified. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XL, 160.**

From [**Mme.**] **de Jamogne.** Paris.

Desiring his opinion of the reply made by her relative, M. le Chevalier de la Haullde [?] to the proposition of M. de Loyauté for a regiment. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 203.**

From **Abbé Jary.**

Lines in eulogy of Benjamin Franklin. A. Verses. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 89.**

From **Count de Jaucourt.**

Requests Franklin to appoint a time when he can confer with him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 64.**

From **Dr. Jones.** Thursday noon.

Accepting his invitation to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 198½.**

From **Miss Joyce.**

Sending a letter to Dr. Franklin which she has received from Lisbon with Mr. and Mrs. D'arcy's compliments. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXX, 119.**

From **Chevalier Réau de Kanguez.**

His rank and address at Versailles. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 292.**

From **John Kiddell, Jr.** Paris.

Having made a tour through Spain, is returning to England, *via* France; desires to pay his respects and offer his services to Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. **XL, 201.**

From **Abbé Corvini Kossakowski.**

Accepting Dr. Franklin's invitation to dinner for himself and Abbé Strzozki, astronomer of the King of Poland. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 122.**

From **Louise Lahannée.**

Is a pastry cook; complains she has lost Franklin's custom through the ill-will of his butler and begs Franklin to renew it. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 82.**

From **John Landells.**

Is a native of Philadelphia, petitions for assistance to enable him to return to America. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LVII, 120.**

From **Count de Landeuville.**

Requesting an interview. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 58a.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.**

Is obliged to go to Versailles on Sunday but hopes to be free early enough to avail himself of Franklin's invitation to dinner. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 219.**

From **Duc de la Rochefoucauld.**

Is requested by his mother to invite Franklin and his grandson to dinner. Hopes M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard will come with them also. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 221.**

From **Hudson de Lavan.**

Account of his manner of living since he left Paris; desires Franklin to forward any letters he may have received for him. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French. Mutilated.) **LVIII, 85.**

From ——— **L'héritier.**

Has studied for the law, but sees no prospect of advancement or gain, owing to the new regulations and restrictions imposed on young attorneys. Has thought of soliciting a position from M. de Vergennes in the Foreign Affairs Office. Thinks Franklin can help him by his influence. L. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 58.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.**

Sending a letter to be forwarded to Philadelphia. Plans for seeing him at Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 167.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.**

Apologizing for not seeing him oftener; promising to find the missing papers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 172.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.**

Writes on behalf of a merchant at Dunkirk who desires permission to name his ship after Franklin. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 178.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste Le Roy**].

Desiring news of Franklin; prevented by the inclement weather from going to Passy. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 180.**

From [**Jean-Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** Friday.

Sends a skilful artisan to repair Franklin's lamps. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 142.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Hears that Franklin had the gout yesterday. Sends him the books he promised, two grammars and another work on language. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 145.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Sends him two petitions. A. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 148.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Returns the English papers. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 150.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

The ladies have heard that Franklin is to dine in the city; fear it would inconvenience him to go back before 5 o'clock to give them tea. Will select another day. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 158.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Saw at Versailles two beautiful ladies, Mme. Dangiviller and Mme. de Flahaut, who expressed their regrets at not having seen Franklin for a long time. They have planned to call on him and ask him to tea. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 159.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Asks if he will have many guests at dinner and if he could invite the ladies who would like to dine with him before returning to Paris. Hopes his grandson will soon recover from the jaundice. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 166.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Has heard that he is suffering from a cold. Sends him a package of licorice juice drops. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 167.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Asks for the loan of the Memoirs of the Academy for the year 1765. A. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 171.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] Le Roy.

Returns the volume of the memoirs and the Mercury of the 20th of last month; asks for the loan of yesterday's Mercury. A. L. 1 p. **XLIV, 172.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

His promise to give M. Arzaud a letter of introduction for London. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 174.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Introducing two Polish gentlemen who wish to invite Dr. Franklin to a dinner at which several scientists will be present. A. N. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 121.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Asking Dr. Franklin if he can give him and Mme. Le Roy a place in his carriage going to Auteuil. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 33b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Returning the "Courrier de l'Europe" and offering to play him a game of chess. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 34b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Inviting him to dinner and to assist at a meeting of the Academy of Sciences. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 38a.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Inquiring if there is any news from America and returning a volume of the Encyclopedia. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXXI, 43a.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Reminding Franklin that the Commissioners from the Academy [of Sciences] will call on him to-day to examine the apparatus invented by him. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 44b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Sends a note containing particulars on "condensation of the air." A. L. 3 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 46b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Explains how Chevalier de Kerninon's name is written and pronounced. A. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 47b.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Hopes his gout is gone and that he and his grandson will not fail to come to dine at his house. A. N. S. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 50a.**

From [Jean-Baptiste] **Le Roy.**

Asks Franklin to send him for translation the discourse which he is reported to have made to the King. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 50b.**

From [Madame] **Le Roy,** *née* **Baronne de Messey.** Paris.

Desiring the address of Franklin's tailor. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 184.**

From **Salvator Le Seque.**

Petition to Franklin for the prize-money to which his son Louis a cabin boy was entitled. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.)
A. E. by Franklin. "Give this poor man six livres." **LX, 47.**

From **James Le Tellier.** Caen, Normandy.

A petition for assistance in ascertaining particulars regarding an inheritance. Mem. 4 p. **LXI, 75.**

From **Louis Liège.**

Is a merchant at La Tremblade; describes the productions of his district, wines, brandies, salt, etc., and offers to fill any orders sent to him. Mem. in 3d P. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 117.**

From **Le Prince Comte Regnant de Limbourg-Hyrum-Holstein.** May 8. Paris.

Sending him a letter from M. de Weiss, whose services he recommends to Franklin. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 188.**

From [George] **Livius.** Friday morning.

Is sorry he cannot wait on Dr. Franklin on Sunday. Will call at the first opportunity to receive his commands for London. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIII, 202.**

From ——— **Lombart.**

Lost draft for sixty dollars; asks him to accept duplicates. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIII, 201.**

From **Comte de Louitz,** former Governor of San Domingo.

Called on Franklin to confer with him on different matters. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 126.**

From **Comte de Louitz.**

Makes inquiry about Franklin's health. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 127.**

From **Arnaud Matges.**

Is a surgeon dentist, in very reduced circumstances; begs Franklin to help him. Mem. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **LX, 124.**

From [**Colonel**] **Melcher.** Paris.

Promising to wait on him that afternoon. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 73.**

By **James Moore.**

Oath of allegiance. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 24.**

By **Abbé Morellet.**

Drinking song to Benjamin Franklin. A. Verses. 4 p. (In French.) **LI, 76.**

From **Abbé Morellet.**

Desires instructions as to the binding Franklin prefers for his six volumes of Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 93.**

From **Abbé Morellet.**

Invites Franklin to dine with him and Chevalier de Chastellux. Sends a copy of a translation of Lord ———'s speech. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 195.**

From **Abbé Morellet.**

Sends Franklin "La Nouvelle Heloise." Will call on him before noon to-day. Abbé de la Roche is going to Paris. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 196.**

From ——— **Myers.**

Regretting his inability to accept Franklin's polite invitation; asks for his pass and that of Mr. Martin Gaul. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 61.**

From ——— **de Nantenville.**

Search warrant out for the arrest of the young negro now with Franklin; warns Franklin not to let him leave the house until the person claiming him has left Paris. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 43.**

From **D. C. Noguères** (curé).

Writes on behalf of the two prisoners mentioned in the enclosed letter. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 42.**

From **The Comtesse de O'——.**

Sending her best wishes on the occasion of the New Year. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 133.**

From **Susanah Obenaus.**

A poor widow who begs him to make inquiries to find out whether her son, who went to America, is living or dead. L. S. 1 p. (Mutilated.) **LXXI, 13.**

From **Chevalier d'Obsonville.** May 27. Paris.

Sends Franklin his book. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 47.**

From [**Daniel, Count**] **O'Connell.** Wednesday. Paris.

Requests a quarter of an hour's audience on Friday morning about some business. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLIV, 291.**

From ——— **Perard.** [Paris?]

Sending a composition of his own, written in Franklin's honor with the hope of amusing him. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLI, 107.**

From [**Madame**] **Perroy.**

Implores Franklin's aid on behalf of her three little children, who are in danger of dying from cold and hunger. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 142.**

From [**Baron**] **Podmaniczki.** Paris.

Asking permission to wait upon Franklin that day at dinner and to bring a friend with him. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLI, 167.**

From [**Mme. Pierre**] **Poivre.** January 25.

Desiring Franklin's advice as to her brother's choice of a career. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 143.**

From [**Mme. Pierre Poivre.** Lyons.]

She and her husband, admirers of Franklin, send him their best wishes. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 19.**

From **Jephne Powell.**

A request for Franklin's patronage. A. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **LXI, 72.**

From **——— de Raymond.**

Begging for help; served the American cause with zeal; captured by the English and held a prisoner twenty-two months; lost all his money; unable to get employment. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 57.**

From **Mme. Rentin.**

Invitation to Franklin and his grandson to dinner. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 273.**

From **Comte de Richemont.**

Asks that the notice of the United States Government may be called to an improvement in a gun carriage made by M. Mancet, a young friend of his. A. L. S. 1 p. **XL, 53.**

From [**Madame**] **de Robert.** September 9. Paris.

Account of her desperate situation; abandoned by her husband, deprived of her pension and in absolute want; begs for assistance. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XL, 70.**

From **——— Roché.**

Begging Franklin to obtain employment for him. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVII, 95.**

From **Baron de Rott.** Paris.

Desires to consult Franklin about an engraving of Gen. Washington; the affair left in his hands by the Marquis de la Fayette. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 65.**

From [Madame] de Rouen.

Begs for aid in her destitute condition. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) XL, 61.

From [Baron de] Sabine.

A begging letter from a brother Mason. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLI, 171.

From Baron de Sabine.

Begging for assistance; ill, destitute and burdened with an invalid wife. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French. In duplicate.) XLI, 186 and 187.

From ——— de St. Germain.

Ask aid to secure a legacy left him by a relative in New York. Mem. S. 1 p. (In French.) LXI, 73.

From ——— Salviony.

A begging letter from a teacher. A. L. S. 2 p. (In Latin.) XL, 3.

From François Sautier.

Served in Gen. [Richard] Montgomery's army; begs Franklin for assistance to reach a seaport in France. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) LVII, 115.

From Burwell Starks. Paris.

Applies for a passport. A. L. S. 1 p. XLI, 178.

From Mme. Gruyn de Stauban.

Regrets that they have an engagement for Saturday at the Marquis de Biron's. Asks Franklin and his grandson to select some day in the following week. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLIV, 118.

From [Madame] de Stenay.

Begs to know if M. de Montfort mentioned certain plans to the advantage of America; desires the address of the American ladies that she may interest them in her little plans. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) XLI, 202.

From **Jean Thiard.** Dunkirk.

Applies to Franklin for his share of certain prize-monies. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French.) **XLI, 177.**

From ——— **Thomas.**

Is an employee of the General Control; begs Franklin to help him to obtain a position in the French West Indies. L. S. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 65.**

From [**César François**] **Cassini de Thury.**

M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy has just submitted to the Academy a work which interests him greatly. Asks Franklin if he could procure him a copy. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 267.**

From **Le F. Toscano.**

Application made to Franklin as a brother Mason for aid in his abandoned and destitute state. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XL, 13.**

From [**Le F.**] **Toscano.**

An old man without food or shelter, begs Franklin for help. Verses. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 32.**

From ——— **Trigant.**

Asking his intervention with M. [Antoine Raymond Jean Gualbert Gabriel] de Sartine to secure the rank of Captain for his son Jean Bart. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **LXI, 78.**

From ——— **Troisset [?].**

Begging an audience; is without profession, fortune or hope. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XL, 152.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.** Passy.

Sending Franklin a request from Mme. Brillon; urges him to spend Saturday with her. A. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **XLII, 125.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**]. Wednesday, 7.

Returns the writing sent him by Franklin; question of the translation. A. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLII, 127.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.**

Will not go to Versailles if Franklin has heard that the Comtesse d'Artois has received the last sacraments. M. Filleul is going and would take Franklin's letter to M. de Vergennes, A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 237.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**].

Inviting him to dine at Epinay with some ladies. A. L. 1 p. **LXXI, 79a.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**].

Requesting Franklin to lend him a book entitled "Memoire sur les conducteurs." A. L. 1 p. **LXXI, 79b.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**].

Asking Franklin what the Countess of Brionne wanted to see him (Le Veillard) about. A. L. 1 p. **LXXI, 80b.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**].

Sending [Denis] Diderot's book "L'interpretation de la Nature" and referring to several passages in it. A. N. 2 p. **LXXI, 83a.**

From [**Louis Guillaume Le Veillard**].

With reference to Franklin's visit to the library of St. Genevieve. A. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 83b.**

From [**Louis Guillaume**] **Le Veillard.**

Requesting Franklin to forward a letter to England. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 84a.**

From **Mlle. Le Veillard.**

Called to see Franklin. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 84b.**

From **"Vestatur."**

Announcement of two chemical processes. The former relates to artificial production of gold, the latter to that of silver. Offers his discoveries for sale. A. L. S. 2 p. (In German.) **LIX, 81.**

From **Pomponne Vinient.**

Requests Franklin's opinion of a work on the relations between England and America written by him, and which he wishes to publish. A. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **XLII, 66.**

From **Various Persons.**

Bills and business memoranda. **LXIII,** 12-30, 32½-43, 44, 45, 46a, 49, 50, 51a-b, 52, 53, 54, 56a, 57, 60, 61, 62, 63a, 65a, 68c, 69, 70, 71a, 73, 74b, 75, 78, 79a-b, 80, 81, 82a, 87b-c, 88, 89b and c, 90a-b, 92, 93a, 94, 95a, 96, 100, 102b, 103, 104a, 105c, 107b, 108a, 109a, 112, 113b, 114a, 115, 116b, 117a, 121, 122, 123a-b, 124, 126, 127, 128b, 129, 130, 132, 133b, 134, 135, 136, 137a-b, 138, 139, 140a, 142, 143, 144, 145b, 146, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154a-b, 155. **LXIV,** 25-29, 32-37, 41b, 44-46, 50-54, 56a, 61-65, 68-75, 78-82, 85, 87-90, 92-96, 99-105, 107-110, 112-117, 121-155. **LXVII,** 1-11, 15-23, 28a, 30, 32-45, 47, 48, 52, 53, 54, 64-96, 115. **LXIX,** 73, 75, 78.

Proposals for furnishing military stores, arms, ammunition, clothing, etc., to the United States.
LVIII, 146. **LXI,** 117a, 118, 119, 122, 123, 125, 126 to 131, 136, 137, 138.

List of bills drawn upon [John] Adams from July 6, 1780, to January 27, 1781. Mem. 3 p. (In duplicate.) 7 p. **LXIV, 5 and 8.**

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List of cases containing articles for Dr. Franklin, the Duke de Chaulnes, Mr. Vaughan, etc., shipped from England to Paris via Ostend. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 136.**

Notices of the meetings of the Lodge of Neuf Soeurs. Printed N. S. 1 p. each. **LXXIII,** 72-78, 80-119, 121-130.

Letters to members of the Lodge of Neuf Soeurs, with list of Officers for 1782, 1785, 1786. Printed N. S. 3 p.
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Social notes, conveying bits of news, requesting engagements, offering congratulations, etc. **LXVIII, 56-59a, b.**

Inquiries after Dr. Franklin's health, and requests and information of various kinds. **LXVIII, 64-68.**

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Tradesmen's cards. **LXVIII, 80-82.**

Miscellaneous notes and addresses. **LX, 133-146.**

From ——— ———. Tuesday morning.

Note telling of Mme. Helvétius's condition. Was very ill, suffering from high fever, cough, etc. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 194.**

From ——— ———. Wednesday morning.

Mme. Helvétius's illness; her condition that morning and the treatment applied. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 195.**

From ——— ———.

Mme. Helvétius's condition is better to-day, after having been so serious yesterday as to alarm her two friends. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 139.**

From ——— ———. Tuesday, 4 o'clock.

"The mother" thanks Franklin and the children bless him. L. 1 p. **XLIII, 206.**

From ——— ———.

Is very desirous to dine with him to-morrow, but fears weather will prevent. If his carriage comes to Paris in the morning, it might take her and the young lady with her. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 125.**

From ——— ———.

Inquiring if Franklin will be at home Friday evening. Count de Duprat, Abbé Palasseau and Père Caillot wish to pay him a visit. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 134.**

From ——— ———. Wednesday. Chaillot.

Has just come back from the country. Very anxious to see Franklin. Asks him what day he can invite her to dinner. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 136.**

From ——— ———.

Asks Franklin if the papers she is sending him are of any value and if the person to whom they belong can expect to get any money for them. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 137.**

From **Lord** ———.

Informs him that he leaves Paris on Thursday, and will be happy to execute any commands he has for England. A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLIV, 259.**

From ——— ———.

The nice sayings in Franklin's letter made her more regretful at not having been able to dine with him. Hopes to receive good news to-day about his health. L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLIV, 280.**

By ——— ———.

Grateful America to Benjamin Franklin. A. Poem. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 7.**

By ——— ———.

A tribute to Franklin. L. and Poem. 3 p. (In Latin.) **LI, 31.**

By ——— ———.

"My surprise"—homage to Franklin—expresses surprise at having seen Franklin in pleasure resorts and applauding the dancers. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 33.**

By ——— ———.

The Muse of America. An ode to Dr. Franklin on the War of Independence. Poem. 7 p. **LI, 34.**

By ——— ———.

Advice to Dr. Franklin not to heed the homages of the fickle multitude and to show himself less. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 49.**

By ——— ———.

To Dr. Franklin recalling his planting of a tree during a reception given to him by the Comtesse d'Houdetot. Verses. 2 p. (In French.) **LI, 74.**

By ——— ———.

Eulogy of Marquis de la Fayette and his cruise during the war in America. Verses. 1 p. (In French.) **LI, 86.**

From ——— ———.

Announcing the establishment of a school for English and American girls in Paris and requesting him to recommend it. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LVI, 61.**

From ——— ———.

He dedicates his book "Texte de la Nature Rétabli" to Franklin. A. L. 4 p. (In French. In duplicate.) **LVIII, 136 and 137.**

From ——— ———.

Concerning the fitting out of vessels. L. 2 p. **LVIII, 139.**

From ——— ———.

A recipe for the mixture of nitre and antimony. A. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 148.**

From ——— ———. Bayonne.

Urges Dr. Franklin to propose to Messrs. [Silas] Deane and [Arthur] Lee that red wine and brandy be exported to the Colonies in exchange for tobacco. L. 2 p. **LX, 53.**

From ——— ———.

Key to Cipher Code. Mem. 25 p. **LXI, 1.**

From ——— ———.

Tells where Briere, a geographical engineer, studied, and gives his qualifications. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **LXII, 15.**

From ——— ———.

Requesting Dr. Franklin to recommend Count de Trumbinsky to people in the United States. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXIX, 114.**

From ——— ———.

Requesting Franklin to give his approbation to a History of America written by him. L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 88.**

From ——— ———.

Thinks it very essential to have the translation of this exquisite piece promptly published. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 100b.**

From ——— ———.

Is not acquainted with the manner of making out memorials. Cannot say whether the enclosed one will answer the purpose. Will call on him to-morrow and confer about it. N. 1 p. **LXXI, 102b.**

From ——— ———.

Refusing to do business with a firm (in England). L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 129.**

Bonds given to the President of the United Colonies (through Benjamin Franklin) upon taking out Letters of Marque and Reprisal.

Joshua Johnson, Jona[than] Williams [Jr.,] and Peter Collas for the brig "Franklin." 1777. December 14. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 44.**

Peter Amiel, ——— Poreau and ——— MacKenzie. [Not executed.] 1778. June 22. D. S. 1 p. (Accompanied by the commission from Congress for the sloop "Alliance." S. John Hancock, President.) 1 p. Printed. **LXXIV, 45, 46.**

Samuel Nuttle and D[avid] Chancel and fils. 1778. August 29, for the "Dr. Franklin." D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 47.**

John Bondfield, William Haywood and M[usco] Livingston, for the "Governor Livingston." 1778. October 26. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 48.**

Joshua Johnson, Matt[hew] Ridley and John McKirdy, for the brig "Tom Johnson." 1779. January 9. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 49.**

John Bondfield, [William] Haywood and John Fulford, for the ship "May Season." 1779. March 19. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 50.**

Joshua Lunn and Joshua Johnson, for the brigantine "Wallace." 1779. September 18. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 51.**

Arthur Kirk and Jonathan Nesbitt, for the schooner "Independence." 1779. November 2. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 52.**

Sam[ue]l Smith and Penet, D'Acosta freres & Co., for the lugger "The Kensington." 1780. February 16. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 55.**

Joshua Johnson and Jona[than] Williams, Jr., for the schooner "Betsey." 1780. March 20. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 58.**

Henry Farley, Jona[than] Williams, Jr., and John Coggeshall, for the schooner "Sally." 1780. March 23. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 59.**

Jona[than] Williams, Jr., J[ean] C[onrad] Zollickoffer and J[ames] Byrne, for the brig "Two Easters." 1780. December 2. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 64.**

John Shaffer [and Augustus Bernard], for the lugger "The Hazard." 1781. April 20. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 66.**

Cha[rle]s Wells, Joshua Johnson, and Jona[than] Williams, Jr., for the ship "Non-Such." 1781. May 1. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 67.**

[Thomas Collyer and] P[eter] Penet, for the ship "Vengeance." 1781. August 6. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 69.**

[Captain Cloupet and] Comte de Choiseul-Gouffier, for the brigantine "Scanderberg." 1781. September 13. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 70.**

James Tucker and John Bondfield, for the brig "Mariana." 1781. October 12. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 71.**

[George Buchanan], Joshua Johnson and Tho[ma]s Patterson, for the ship "Favorite." 1781. October 25. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 72.**

[John Angus and] S[imon] Berard, for the brig "Antonia." 1782. January 7. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 73.**

W[illia]m Robeson, David Dickson and Jona[than] Williams, Jr., for the brigantine "Spry." 1782. March 8. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 74.**

Caron de Beaumarchais and Etienne Gregory, for the frigate "The Alexander." 1782. July 8. Printed. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 75.**

Sam[uel] R. Trevitt & Co., for the "Argo." 1782. August 7. Printed. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 76.**

Stephen Carpenter, Joshua Johnson and Nat[han] Kelso, for the brigantine "The Revolution." 1782. August 26. D. S. 1 p. With letter of transmission from Mr. [Matthew] Ridley. **LXXIV, 77.**

Bonds given to the President of the United Colonies (through Benjamin Franklin) for the Delivery of Cargoes in the United States.

W[illia]m Johnston, of the brigantine "Harrier," for the safe delivery of the cargo from London. 1779. November 25. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 53.**

Walter Belt, of the brigantine "Brighton," for the safe delivery of the cargo from London. 1780. February 11. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 54.**

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Benja[min] Carpenter, of the brigantine "Adventure," for the safe delivery of the cargo from Ireland. 1780. March 14. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 56.**

Isaac Cazneau, of the brigantine "Penelope," for the safe delivery of the cargo from England. 1780. April 16. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 60.**

Thom[a]s Collins, of the sloop "Newenham," for the safe delivery of the cargo from Dublin. 1780. September 30. (In duplicate and accompanied by passport.) D. S. 4 p. **LXXIV, 61-62.**

Henry Bromfield, of the "Friendship," for the safe delivery of the cargo from England. 1780. October 23. (Accompanied by a passport, and a notice from John Fletcher that both the passport and the bond had been destroyed, it not being thought eligible to prosecute the voyage.) D. S. 5 p. **LXXIV, 63.**

Benj[ami]n Joy, of the brig "Swallow," for the safe delivery of the cargo from England. 1780. December 4. D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 65.**

Timothy Folger, for the safe delivery of the cargo from England. 1781. July 8. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 68.**

ADDENDUM.

From **Simon Meredith.** 1739. July 29.

Order to let his son, Hugh Meredith, have the sum of £8 on his account; with Hugh Meredith's receipt for the same, and for £6 more borrowed on July 30, 1739. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 57.**

From **W[illia]m Dewees, Jr.** 1739–40. January 26.

Sent him, last week, quantity of paper. Now sends by same bearer more, to be placed to his credit. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 60.**

LETTERS FROM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

To [**Mrs.**] **Deborah Franklin.** 1733. August 30. Philadelphia.

Power of attorney to Deborah Franklin. D. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 2.**

To ——— **Corin.** 1738. December 22.

Order for a pair of leather breeches to be charged to his account. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 1.**

To **James Parker.** 1741. February 20.

Articles of agreement for carrying on the business of printing in the City of New York. D. S. James Parker, B[enjamin] Franklin. 3 p. **LII, 19.**

(Printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 2d Ser., XVI, 186.)

To ——— ———. [1744. March.]?

When he compares the Governor's Message to the House [in relation to the expedition against Cape Breton] with his private conversation cannot but admire at his insincerity, nor can he justify the Assembly from disingenuity in their answer. In short Governor [George Thomas] and the Assembly have been acting a farce and playing tricks to amuse the world. Abstract of the debate in the Assembly on the Governor's Message. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. (Incomplete.) **L(ii), 22.**

A Drinking Song. [*Circa* 1745.]

A. Dr. 1 p. **L(i), 40.**

The Trade of a Province of 40,000 Inhabitants. [*Circa* 1745.]

A. Dr. of Diss. 6 p. **L(ii), 34.**

Memorandum. [1746.]

That Sally [Franklin] was inoculated April 18, 1746. A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 56a.**

To **[John Franklin].** 1747. August 6.

Glad to hear of Mr. [George] Whitefield's safe arrival. Received a letter from Mr. [Joseph] Dowse requesting an explanation of Dr. Franklin's dissatisfaction with Mrs. Steel(e); his reply and advice to his brother and sister regarding the affair. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 3.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, II, 316).

To **Cadwallader Colden.** 1747. August 6.

Franklin's opinion of the inertia of matter. Is glad to hear that Mr. Colden will proceed with the electrical experiments, and is satisfied that there are workmen in America who can make the apparatus; if Mr. Colden is satisfied to have it made here, he will oversee the work. Mr. [James] Logan is satisfied that some of the faults he formerly objected to in Colden's article on fluxions, are his own. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 4.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 93; Bigelow, II, 103; Smyth, II, 322).

To ——— ———. [1747?]

Concerning the Articles of Association for the defense of the Province [of Pennsylvania]. A. L. 1 p. (Final part missing.) **LVIII, 47.**

Benjamin Franklin's Will. 1750. June 22. Philadelphia.

A. D. S. and witnessed. 4 p. (Mutilated.) **L(ii), 14.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1750?]

Relative to the conductivity of glass. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 69.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1750.]

Description of a magic circle. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. (Incomplete.) **L(i), 52.**

Plan for a Mortgage Association. [*Circa* 1750.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 2 p. **L(i), 20.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1750.]

Recommends arbitration rather than a law-suit to collect a debt, concerning which he has been consulted. A. Dr. of L. 2 p.
XLVI(i), 25.

To **Cadwallader Colden.** 1752. April 23.

Regarding the improper distinction of Els. *per se* and non-Els., and the use of the terms conductors and non-conductors. Experiments and observations in electricity. Glad Mr. Colden's article on the Principles of Action in Matter, with the explanations will soon appear. Thanks him for communicating his Illustration of the Theorem of Light. Dr. Franklin's Theory of Light. Glad to hear of the success of poke weed as a cure for cancer. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 5.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 283; Bigelow, II, 251; Smyth, III, 82).

To **John Perkins.** 1753. February 4. Philadelphia.

An apology for not answering sooner. Idea and illustration of a waterspout; its relation to a whirlwind. A. Dr. of L. S. 15 p.
XLV, 6.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 145; Bigelow, II, 267; Smyth, III, 107).

To **Jared Eliot.** 1753. May 3. Philadelphia.

Observations relative to water, air, trade-winds, etc. (Read before the Royal Society, November 4, 1756.) A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p.
L(i), 38.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 174; Smyth, III, 129).

To **Joseph Huey.** 1753. June 6. Philadelphia.

Glad to hear of his improved health. Franklin's notion of Good Works—works of kindness, charity, mercy, and public spirit [concluding lines torn out]. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **XLV, 7.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, II, 459; Smyth, III, 143).

To ——— ———. 1753. July 12. Philadelphia.

Account of a house struck by lightning. Course of the lightning and observations on its effects. A. L. 4 p. **L(i), 37.**

To **W[illia]m Franklin.** 1753. July 23. Boston.

Glad to hear that he has taken a circumstantial account of the appearance at Trumble's house, which is sufficient to establish his new hypothesis of the direction of lightning. Received a pane of glass and a letter from Mr. [Ebenezer] Kinnersley mentioning his suspicions that the stroke was upwards. Wrote Mr. K. a short account of the experiment he made before he left home, and refers him to William Franklin for the explanation according to the new hypothesis. Expects to set out for home next Monday.

P. S. Encloses a letter from William Franklin's uncle with a power of attorney, and desires him to attack for Franklin & Williams, Grant's right to Pitt's Walnut Street land by virtue of his mortgage. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 8.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Smyth, III, 147).

To **Cadwallader Colden.** 1753. November 19.

An answer to observations by Mr. Colden upon the letter from Dr. Franklin of May 3, 1753, to Jared Eliot. (Read at the Royal Society, Nov. 4, 1756.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **L(i), 38½.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 180; Smyth, III, 186).

Conferences with Indians at Carlisle in September, 1753.

A. Mem. 2 p. **L(ii), 49.**

Draught of the Plan of Union Proposed at Albany. 1754. July 9.

Influence of the French among the Indians; their design to surround the British Colonies. Rules for governing the Grand Council and powers to be entrusted to that body. Mem. 2 p. (Many pages missing.) **LVIII, 116.**

Printed in O'Calloghan, Doc. Hist. of New York, II, 608–609 and 613–614.

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** *Circa* 1754].

Presents his duty to her mother and love to the children and to all his friends. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 96.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin, Philadelphia.**
1755. April 13. Annapolis.

Arrived last night. Shall not return by the same road with the company, but will go round by Winchester, and so to Carlisle in order to settle the posts which the Assembly agreed to support for a year between the Camp and Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 1.**

Memorandum. 1755. April. Lancaster.

Benjamin Franklin's accounts in the matter of the hiring of wagons for the transportation of supplies for General Braddock's army. A. Mem. 5 p. **L(i), 57.**

Memorandum. [1755? April.]

Proposal that the Managers of the Lottery be applied to arrange for the defense of the Colony of Pennsylvania against the French and Indians on the Coast and Frontier. Outline of plans for the defense. Mem. 2 p. **LVI(i), 70.**

To **[William] Johnson.** 1755. October 16. Philadelphia.

Settled Col. [William] Hunter's account. Encloses a copy of General [William] Shirley's warrant to [Sir William] Johnson for such payments as the wagon affair may require. Hopes that when Johnson and Shirley meet some method will be found of transferring the cash for the payment of those poor people, without risk or trouble. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 9a.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 289).

To **Colonel [William] Hunter.** 1755. October 16. Philadelphia.

Could not avoid meeting the Assembly who are now sitting; will await his arrival to settle their money accounts and make measures relating to the wagon affair. General [William] Shirley sent his warrant to Mr. [Sir William] Johnson to pay Franklin such sums as are necessary to settle the wagon accounts. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 9b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 290).

To **General [William] Shirley.** 1755. October 23. Philadelphia.

Thanks him for the orders for the payment of the wagon owners. Cannot see the papers to which he is referred because of the absence of the Governor. Sorry he cannot see him at New York. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 9c and 11b.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 55; Bigelow, II, 418; Smyth, III, 290).

To **Captain [William] Shirley.** 1755. October 23. Philadelphia.

Received his favor of the 1st with discharges for Ewins and Rieger; will take care to observe the directions relating to them. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 11c.**

To **[Peter] Collinson.** 1755. October 25. Philadelphia.

Hopes he received the bill for £75 when he wrote for one of Mr. [John] Smeaton's new air pumps for the Academy; sends a bill for £30 with a list of some philosophical implements, which he begs him to send, insured. News just arrived that eight families near Shamokin were cut off last week by Indians. The people on the frontier will be furnished with arms and ammunition. Hopes to be home when the next Assembly meets. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 12a.**

To **Richard Partridge.** 1755. October 25. Philadelphia.

Extract from preceding letter. L. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 10a.**

To **[Richard] Partridge.** 1755. October 25. Philadelphia.

The new Assembly chose Mr. Partridge and Mr. [Robert] Charles as their agents for the ensuing year. A considerable sum is subscribed for the supply of the troops, on the frontier of New York, etc., during the winter, with warm waistcoats, etc. The Indians last week cut off eight families; 600 arms have been purchased for the people of the frontier. Heard that a petition will be sent to the King against the Assembly. Hopes Parliament will establish a union of the Colonies for the common defence. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 10.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 292).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1755. December 27. Easton.

Glad the companies are forming in town and choosing their officers. Marched Aston's and Trump's companies over the mountains after many difficulties. Waiting for supplies. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 2.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 102; Bigelow, II, 445; Smyth, III, 320).

Address. [1755?]

Concerning the assignment of the Dock Ward and other Militia Companies. (Incomplete.) Ms. 1 p. **L(ii), 19.**

To ——— ———. [1755. Philadelphia?]

Asserts that it is false that few people seem inclined to muster arms under the present military laws. States that nine companies of the Philadelphia regiment of foot under Col. Franklin, consisting of about 1000 men, appeared in arms, being mustered by the officers commissioned in pursuance of the law. States that the German people made a considerable part of the body. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 44.**

Memorandum. [1755?]

List of necessaries wanted for the hospital of the 1st Battalion of the Royal American Regiment at Philadelphia. A. Mem. 1 p. **LVIII, 142.**

To ——— **Harris.** [*Circa* 1755. Philadelphia.]

Congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Sends his blessing to the little stranger and desires to know her name. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 20.**

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1755.]

Relating to the militia; to the establishing of a Post at Tioga, and to the abvisability of concerting with New York and Massachusetts as to the raising of troops; eclipses; physician's fees; amount of linen, etc. A. Mem. 7 p. **L(ii), 53.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1756. January 15. Bethlehem.

Thinks the line of forts will be finished in a fortnight or three weeks. will then make a trip to Philadelphia to send away the lottery tickets and pay off the prizes. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 3.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 104; Bigelow, II, 447; Smyth, III, 323).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1756. March 21. Frederictown.

Expects to sail that day. Peter [his servant] was taken ill but is almost well again. Informs her if she wants money to present one of the two orders he left with her to Mr. Cha[rle]s Norris. Enjoins her to be careful of her accounts, particularly about the lottery affairs. If there is peace shall probably not come home so soon as he purposed. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 4.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 115; Bigelow, II, 457; Smyth, III, 331).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1756. March 30. Williamsburg.

Account of his journey; may return to New York with Colonel [William] Hunter and his lady in the Man-of-War. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 5.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 116; Bigelow, II, 458; Smyth, III, 332).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** 1756. March.]

Arrived at Col. [William] Hunter's, near Hampton, where he was received in the most obliging manner. Mr. Hunter is not ill but thin. Condition of the place at the time. Uncertain as to the time he may return or the way he shall take back. Asks her to deliver the money, belonging to Col. Hunter, to Mr. Nelson when he calls for it, taking his receipt. (First part missing.) A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 102.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** 1756. *Circa* April.]

Continues well. Arrived with Mr. [William] Hunter yesterday. Have almost finished their business together. (Fragment.) A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 101.**

Physical and Meteorological Observations, Conjectures and Suppositions. 1756. [May ?]

Read at the Royal Society, June 3, 1756. Diss. Ms. 4 p. **L(i), 1.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 127; Smyth, III, 175).

To **T[homas] Pownall.** 1756. August 16. Philadelphia.

Encloses a copy of the late conference at Easton; the Indians are preparing to continue the war. Opinion of Sir William Johnson's step to procure peace with the Six Nations. If Lord Loudoun would order the recruits to the frontier, they would be of great assistance to the inhabitants. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 11½.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 121; Bigelow, II, 468; Smyth, III, 341).

Memorandum. [1756?]

Events leading up to the French and Indian War arranged in chronological order. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 27.**

To **General William Shirley.** [*Circa* 1756.]

Is represented at home as an opposer of Government and disaffected to the King's service. Since he is acquainted with what zeal he served Gen. [Edward] Braddock and also with his readiness to assist his forces by affecting the grant from the Assembly for £10,000 in provisions and clothing; he desires him to mention these things in a letter to him that he may be at liberty to communicate it to Sir Everard Fawkener, and thus remove any impressions to his disadvantage. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 13.**

To [**General William Shirley.** *Circa* 1756.]

Like the preceding with but slight change of wording. Acquaints him of what part he took in the grant and that he actually subscribed three tenths of the whole for which he is not yet reimbursed. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 53.**

To [**Robert**] **Charles.** 1757. February 1. [Philadelphia.]

Sends him copies of last year's votes, and other valuable papers. It is estimated that £125,000 is necessary to defend the Province for one year; this large sum cannot be raised and three-fourths of the troops must be disbanded. The House has asked Mr. [Isaac] Norris and Dr. Franklin to go to England to assist in getting these matters settled. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 12a.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 127; Bigelow, II, 483; Smyth, III, 367).

To [**Richard**] **Partridge.** [1757. February. Philadelphia.]

Would have written a long letter but the House desired the Speaker and him to go immediately home and settle the differences with the Proprietors; it is possible that one of them will soon have the pleasure of seeing and conferring with him on their affairs. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 12b.**

To [**William**] **Dunlap.** 1757. April 4. Philadelphia.

Appoints him postmaster of Philadelphia during his absence; office is not to be removed from his house without his consent. Tells him to pay attention to Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin's advice. Is to retain 10 per cent. commission. (Torn.) A. L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 14a.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, II, 496).

To **Deborah Franklin.** 1757. April 4. Philadelphia.

Power of attorney. D. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 3.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1757. April 5. Trenton.

On his journey to New York where he is to take passage to England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 6.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 131; Bigelow, II, 497; Smyth, III, 378).

To **Samuel Hazard.** 1757. April 11. Philadelphia.

Regarding the misunderstanding between them relative to the prize-money and the Academy tickets. L. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 2.**

To **Dr. John Lining.** 1757. April 14. New York.

A disquisition on heat and cold. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 14b.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 203; Bigelow, II, 498; Smyth, III, 383).

To **Dr. [Alexander] Garden.** 1757. April 14. New York.

Is about to embark for London; refers him to his article on fire written to Dr. Lining. Introduces Colonel [Henry] Bouquet. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 14c.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 381).

To **Colonel [Henry] Bouquet.** 1757. April 14. New York.

Recommends him to an ingenious physician in Charlestown who knows the rule of making cool, weak, refreshing punch. Prays that he has a pleasant voyage. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 14d.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 382).

To **James Parker.** 1757. April 22.

Instructions for him as Comptroller of the General Post-Office during Mr. [Benjamin] Franklin's absence. A. L. S. [Benjamin] Franklin and [William] Hunter. 7 p. **XLV, 15.**

To **Whom it May Concern.** 1757. April 22.

Commission of James Parker as their Agent and Comptroller of the Post-Offices of North America. A. Dr. by Franklin of D. S. [Benjamin] Franklin and [William] Hunter. 2 p. **LII, 30.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1757. April 29. New York.

Is determined against going in the first pacquet. Asks her to send him the Indian sealskin hussiff with all the things that were in it, the Indian lady's gut-cambric, and one or two books on the game of chess. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 7.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, III, 392).

To [**Peter Franklin?**] 1757. May 21. Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Has already waited six weeks for the sailing of the pacquet and still does not know when she is likely to sail; will not meddle with his paper currency since he always loses by it; his wife is with him, but Billy and Sally [Franklin] are in New York. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 17.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Woodbridge, [N. J.].
1757. May 27. New York.

Delayed at New York. Dined with Lord Loudoun; French fleet reported to be cruising off the coast. May stay at Woodbridge until the pacquet sails, and, while there, try to finish his work. (Mutilated.) A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 8.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 135; Bigelow, II, 509; Smyth, III, 395).

To **Isaac Norris.** 1757. May 30. New York.

Delays in sailing. Interview with Lord [Loudoun] respecting the pay of servants enlisted in the army. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 16.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 138; Bigelow, II, 512; Smyth, III, 397).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1757. June 2. New York.

Will go on board the next day. Hopes Sally [Franklin] will be obedient and mind her learning and improvement. (Mutilated.) A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 9.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 145; Bigelow, II, 519; Smyth, III, 405).

To ——— ———. [1757?] June 5. [New York?]

Is at length going aboard; it is said the fleet will sail to-morrow, but this cannot be depended upon. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 56.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1757. July 27. London.

His arrival in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 10.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 149; Bigelow, II, 520; Smyth, III, 419).

To **Dr. [John] Fothergill.** [1757. October.] Tuesday morning.

Took the powder he prescribed and had a good night's rest. Had no headache in the morning and therefore did not cup. Had, however, a giddiness and swimming in his head which, whenever he rises or turns suddenly, makes him stagger; hears a humming noise in his head and sees faint twinkling lights. Asks for his advice. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 18.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1757. November 22. London.

His long illness. Will entertain Mr. [Peter] Collinson and Dr. [John] Fothergill with her account of Tedynskung's visit. Glad Sally [Franklin] went to Elizabethtown. General [William] Shirley's affairs in an uncertain state and he (Gen. S.) is endeavoring to obtain an enquiry into his conduct. Tells her not to be troubled about reports spread by his enemies about him; should he not be able to do his country any good, he will at least take care not to do it any harm. The agreeable conversation he meets with among men of learning and the notice taken of him by persons of distinction, are the principal things that soothe him during this painful absence from his family and friends; yet those would not detain him another week if he had not other inducements; duty to his country and hopes of being able to do it some service. (Part missing.) A. L. 4 p.

XLVI(ii), 94, 95 and 98.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 149; Bigelow, II, 521; Smyth, III, 419).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1758. February 19. London.

Death of his friend [William] Parsons. Hackney coaches in London; London one great smoky house. His health. Account of various articles he sent her. (Incomplete.) A. L. S. 4 p. **XLVI(ii), 11.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 163; Bigelow, III, 5; Smyth, III, 430).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1758. June 10. London.

Presents. Domestic concerns. Electric bells. Prudent for her not to engage in Party disputes. The Proprietors have determined to discard Governor [William] Denny on account of his conduct. Governorship offered to a certain Mr. Graves, who declined to accept it. A. L. S. 4 p.
XLVI(ii), 12.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 167; Bigelow, III, 12; Smyth, III, 438).

To **The Speaker and Comm**[**ittee of the Pennsylvania Assembly**]. 1758. June 10. London.

The case of [William] Moore and [William] Smith. Mr. [Robert] Charles attempted to ascertain how far our privileges would be affected by coming immediately under the Crown; recommends that we remove the prejudices that have spread in England against them. The Proprietors are determined to discard their present Governor as soon as they find a successor. (Conclusion missing.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p.
XLV, 18.

Printed in Works (Bigelow, III, 19; Smyth, III, 443).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1758. September 21. London.

Will send her some stuff for chair bottoms, and an iron oven if he can get it on board. Has a violent cold. Billy [Franklin] still in the country. They have lately met with a small rebuff in France. The troops are returned. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 13.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** 1758?] London.

Several particulars about himself. Lodges in Craven Street; has four rooms, furnished; living in London very expensive; Billy [his son] is with him and very serviceable; Peter [the servant he took with him] has behaved well. Goodeys he now and then gets a few, but apples seldom. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson sends her a pair of knitted [garters]. Will purchase various articles with the £100 she sent him and then send them to her. Will not go to Holland, but intends to see a great part of England as soon as the weather permits travelling. Sends her his picture in miniature. (Part missing.) A. L. S. 2 p.
XLVI(ii), 103.

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** *Circa* 1758.]

Wrote to Mr. [David] Hall that he received his bills. Hopes his anger is over. Thinks it would improve cousin Josey if he was to come to England and work in some of the best marble shops for a year or two. Is sorry to hear of any disturbance in the Academy the rather as by his introducing that imprudent man [William Smith?], he thinks he is in some degree the cause of those misfortunes. (Mutilated.) A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 97.**

To [**Benjamin**] **Wilson.** 1759. January 28.

Philosophical hints. A. Dr. of L. 8 p. **L(i), 41.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1759. April 12. London.

Asks her to tell Mr. [Charles] Thomson that he has just heard that the Proprietor is writing an answer to his book,[1] and will pay off him and the Quakers. Sends her two boxes in which are articles for herself and his friends. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 14 and 14a.**

[1] An Enquiry into the Causes of the Alienation of the Delaware and Shawaneese Indians, etc.

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin.** 1759. August 6. London.

Reasons why she does not receive a letter by every pacquet. Sent her some boxes per Capt. Smith but they were not put on the bill of lading. Asks her, in directing his letters, not to put the title, Honorable, before his name. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 15.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1759. August 29. Liverpool.

Has been out on his journey almost three weeks; spent some time at Derbyshire and Manchester; shall set out for Lancaster. The journey agrees very well with him. Not certain whether he is to continue on his route to Scotland or return to London through Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, expects letters at Lancaster that will determine him. Will endeavor to return to Philadelphia early next spring. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 16.**

To **The Printer of the** [**London**] **Chronicle.** [1759.]

Manner in which the fresh supply of twelve million pounds, to continue the war, may be most easily borne by the British public. A. L. S. "N." 2 p. **L(i), 13.**

To [**John**] **Hughes.** 1760. January 7. London.

Prospect of peace. Combats the notion that Canada should be given up; the poor condition of the laws which are sent to England for the King's approbation. Would be glad to render any service to Maryland's Assembly; will take every opportunity of vindicating them. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 19a.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 192; Bigelow, III, 42; Smyth, IV, 7).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1760. February 21. London.

Has lately been indisposed with an epidemical cold in the head; took Dr. [John] Fothergill's advice and parted with eight ounces of blood from the back of his head; feels better. Acknowledges the receipt of the apples. Sends her two saucepans, plated silver inside. Was blooded on Sunday, 16 ounces being drawn from him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 17.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1760. February 27. London.

Recovered from his late indisposition. Bought three saucepans plated silver inside, sent her two of them and kept the smallest in which to make his watergruel. The wine is excellent and the apples are a great comfort to him. Sends Sally [Franklin] a cask of Sheffield goods instead of stationery. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 18.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1760. March 5. London.

Mr. [William] Strahan recommends him to settle in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 19.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 194; Bigelow, III, 44; Smyth, IV, 9).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1760. March 18. London.

Is recovered of a slight illness he had, the same that affected him when he returned from Gnadenhut—a pain and giddiness in his head; has been cupped, blooded, physicked, and blistered; became somewhat thin on account of those operations; purposes taking a little journey for a few days during the Easter holidays. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 20.**

To **Messrs. Hillary & Scot.** 1760. April 8. London.

Received the invoice and bill for earthenware; desires them to get insurance for £50 which would include the Bale from Kendal; requests them to draw on him for the whole, also asks them to send a copy of the invoice with the goods to Peter Franklin, of Rhode Island, if the ship is not gone. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 20a.**

To [**Cadwallader**] **Colden.** 1760. April 8. London.

Has ordered to his care from Liverpool 9 casks and 1 bale which he requests him to forward to Peter Franklin in New Port, Rhode Island. Requests him to pay the freight and charge to him. Hopes to see him during the summer. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 20b.**

To ——— ———. 1760. April 8. London.

Sorry that he cannot be certain as to the time of going into Derbyshire; the Province affairs are to have a hearing before the Board of Trade; he is engaged in public business relating to the Colonies, which will have several hearings before the Lords of Trade and the Council, the first of which is fixed for the 18th and the rest, uncertain, it is impossible for him to foresee when he shall be at liberty; when that time comes, hopes to visit him. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 20c.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1760. June 27. London.

Advises her not to be troubled by idle reports concerning him. Negro School established by Dr. Bray's Associates. Faults of servants. Marriage in London. Death of David Edwards. A. L. S. 3 p. (A. copy.) **XLVI(ii), 21.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 201; Bigelow, III, 59; Smyth, IV, 22).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1760. August 23. London.

Is well. Sends her the eider-down coverlid and bag for the feet, also a camlet for his sister. Peter is concerned that she should be so perplexed about a house. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 22.**

To **Isaac Norris, Esq., Speaker.** 1760. November 19. London.

Has received the money from the exchequer and lodged it in the Bank; thinks the money should be laid out in stocks.

P. S. The sum lodged in the bank belonging to the Province is £26,648 4 s. 6 d. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 21.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IV, 86).

To [**Isaac**] **Norris.** 1760. November 22.

The proportionment of the Parliamentary Grant according to the number of effective men each Colony had in the field, and the amount allotted to the Province of Pennsylvania and the lower counties. (A. copy.) 1 p. **XLV, 22.**

To **Isaac Norris.** [1760.] December. London.

Relative to stock he purchased for him. Cause for the present lowness of the stocks. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. (A copy.) **XLVI(i), 1.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1760.]

When he read the "Letter of Two Great Men," the "Remarks" on that Letter, and the "Interest of Great Britain considered with Regard to her Colonies," in answer to those "Remarks," he sat down satisfied that he understood something of the subject, until a sensible writer from Bath perplexed him with assurances that the doctrines of that piece are big with mischief, tending to entertain eternal war upon them, and that the reasoning is very fallacious. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 62.**

A Question in Mercantile Equity. [*Circa* 1760.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 25.**

To **The Printer of the London Chronicle.** [1760?]

"Of the Meanes of Disposing the Enemie to Peace." Purporting to be a chapter from an old book of Discourses addressed to some King of Spain. A. Dr. of L. S. "A Briton." 6 p. **L(i), 12.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 217; Bigelow, III, 132; Smyth, IV, 90).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1760. London.

Probable cause for her not receiving his letters. The trouble between Mr. Flower and his wife. Acquaints her that their business draws near a conclusion and that they will have a hearing in less than a month, after which he will be able to fix some day for his return. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 93.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 214; Bigelow, III, 130; Smyth, IV, 88).

[The Interest of Great Britain Considered with Regard to her Colonies and the Acquisitions of Canada and Guadaloupe.]

A. Dr. of Diss. (Incomplete.) 6 p. **L(ii), 13.**

The Impeachment of the Earl of Clarendon. [*Circa* 1760.]

For introducing an arbitrary government into His Majesty's foreign Plantations. A. Mem. 2 p. **L(ii), 38.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1760.]

Criticism of the conduct of the Colonial Governor. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of Diss. 1 p. **L(ii), 27.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1761. March 3. London.

Is well; sends her a box in which are letters for herself and his friends, also sends two books, which he begs her to deliver to Mr. Coleman. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 23.**

To ——— ———. 1761. April 2. London.

As Messrs. Portis paid him two bills of the same drawers after a protest, but they refused to do the same with regard to the present bill. Had it been a bill drawn by Mr. [David] Hall he would pay it immediately, but since it is drawn by others, he returns the bill with the protest, that Mr. Hall may recover damages of the drawers. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 23.**

To **[Sir John Eardley?] Wilmot.** 1761. May 9. [London.]

Has received the Act; requests him to call and he will converse with him on the subject. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 24.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1761. September 14. Utrecht, Holland.

Travels in Holland and Flanders; is on his way back to London so as not to miss the Coronation [of George III]. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 24.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 229; Bigelow, III, 151; Smyth, IV, 110).

To **Mr. Ringold.** 1761. November 26. London.

On his return from a little tour through Flanders and Holland, he found a duplicate of the papers sent him, and among them the address that had been omitted before. Advises that the Address on His Majesty [George III]'s nuptials and congratulation on his accession be blended, and that the other matter be touched in a memorial or petition by itself agreeable to Mr. Wood's advice; which if done, Dr. Franklin is persuaded will be attended with good effect. The Proprietors' and Governor's friends possessed the Ministry with the opinion that the failure of supplies in the Province is due to the Assembly's obstinacy and their disinclination to His Majesty's service. Thanks him for applying to Mr. Green concerning his old account. The retaining of Canada is now become a popular point. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 19b.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1762. March 24. London.

Death of Mrs. Franklin's mother [Mrs. Read]. Expects to set out for Philadelphia next May. Mr. [William] Strahan is surprised he has not persuaded her to come over. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 25.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 235; Bigelow, III, 188; Smyth, IV, 150).

To ——— ———. [1762. November ?]

The hill-side [of Madeira] affords all climates; they claim 90,000 inhabitants; cultivation of wheat and corn increases and that of the vine diminishes, because of the greater and more speedy profits from the former. Concerning Dr. Barker who used to talk of lands he had in America. Remembrances to the Speaker [Mr. Isaac Norris] and his brothers, and to Mr. [John] Blackburn and Mr. Cooper. A. Dr. of L. S. (First part of the letter missing.) 1 p. **XLV, 27a.**

To [**Caleb**] **Whitefoord.** 1762. December 7. Philadelphia.

Thanks him for congratulating him on his son's appointment as Governor of New Jersey. The taking of Havana. Painting and poetry in America; his British lyre. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 27b.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 242; Bigelow, III, 215; Smyth, IV, 183).

To **Dr. [John Fothergill].** 1762. December 8. Philadelphia.

Arrived in Philadelphia and had the happiness of finding his family well. The anatomical drawings and casts that he sent over arrived safely at the [Pennsylvania] Hospital except the breaking of some of the glasses which the Managers repaired.[1] Congratulates him on the taking of Havana. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 25a.**

[1] See History of the Pennsylvania Hospital, by T. G. Morton, Phila., 1897, p. 356.

To **[Edward] Nairne.** 1762. December 8. Philadelphia.

Requests to be informed whether he paid for the magnet. Asks him if he could make a thermometer according to the enclosed directions and to forward it to him. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson will pay for it; his respects to Mr. [John] Canton. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 25b.**

To **[Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** *Circa* 1762.]

Billy is down at Bath. Received a letter inviting him there, but must not leave London as he daily expects bills drawn on him by the Trustees. Shall be glad to receive an account of what is due on Mr. Spoffard's mortgage, as he hopes to recover it from the sellers who never acquainted him that such a mortgage subsisted, though they must have known it. Shall soon send some music for the harpsichord. A. L. S. 2 p. (Upper half of sheet missing.) **XLVI(ii), 100.**

To ——— ———. 1763. February 9. Philadelphia.

His expenses and compensations while in England as Agent for the Province of Pennsylvania. Difficulty of separating private from public expenses. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 26.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, III, 229).

To **Dr. [John] Pringle and Mr. [William] Strahan.** 1763. February 22. Philadelphia.

Thanks for congratulations on his son's promotion. Congratulates him on the glorious peace that has been concluded, and which is the most advantageous to Great Britain of any that history recorded. As to the places left or restored to France he conceives that their strength will soon increase to such a degree in North America that in any future war they may reduce them all with ease and therefore looks upon them as so many hostages or pledges of good behavior from that

perfidious Nation. Must soon make a journey to his country but is sorry he shall not be able to meet him; trusts they will meet in a better country with better constitutions and vigorous health and everlasting youth.

P. S. Sends his best wishes to Miss Ludwell and the other ladies. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 27c.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1763. February 24. Trenton [N. J.].

Dined at Bristol and got here last night. Sir John Sinclair obligingly offered his chariot and four for the rest of the journey. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 26.**

To ——— ———. 1763. February 26. Perth Amboy.

Thanks him for his kind endeavors in obtaining the discharge of James Forrester. Condoles with him on the repeated grievous breaches that have been made in his family. It has been discovered that quicksilver is a melted metal. Relative to the solidifying and melting of mercury. Relative to some experiments to procure cold by evaporation. (Conclusion missing.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 55.**

Statement of Accounts of James Franklin, Deceased, and Benjamin Franklin. 1763. April 4. Philadelphia.

A. Dr. of Mem. S. B[enjamin] Franklin. 1 p. **L(i), 26.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1763. June 16. New York.

Purposes taking Sally [Franklin] with him; Mr. [James] Parker will go with her and take care of her, if there is no other suitable company. Approves of her opening his English letters. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 27.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 254; Bigelow, III, 240; Smyth, IV, 202).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1763[?]. October 31. New York.

Purposes to proceed homeward the next day if the weather is suitable. Will make a stay at Woodbridge and then shall go forward to Burlington, where he would like to meet her if she can manage to come there; will be home Saturday if he does not meet her at Burlington. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 28.**

To ——— ———. [1763?]

Will send the maps of America as soon as they return from their journey. Shall endeavor punctually to comply with every order and every intimation of the pleasure of the Postmaster General, and shall exert their utmost abilities to improve this part of the revenue. Several Governors of Provinces refused payment of postage, of which he acquainted the Board when he was in London, but some have since paid their account; have hopes of obtaining payment from the others. (First part of letter missing.) A. Dr. of L. S. B[enjamin] F[ranklin] and J[ohn] F[oxcroft]. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 57.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1763.]

Introducing Mr. [William?] Smith, a young man of liberal education and excellent character. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 24.**

Table of Distances and Rates of Postage in North America. [*Circa* 1764.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 17.**

To **[George] Whitefield.** 1764. June 19. Philadelphia.

Confidence in divine goodness. Hopes that the bugbear Boston account of the unhealthiness of Philadelphia will not deter him from visiting them. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 28.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 261; Bigelow, III, 250; Smyth, IV, 248).

To ——— ———. 1764. September 21. Philadelphia.

Received his letter and gave orders for the several Acts of Parliament referred to, to be observed and executed by the officers. Is greatly concerned that the state of their accounts are delayed so long. Cause of this delay. The rule for charging 2 d. or 16 gr. of silver on every letter coming from a ship is observed here; think the office would lose if they charged but a penny a letter. Amendments which they propose for the security of correspondence as well as for the advantage of the revenue. Advise that charge for postage be made according to the number of miles letters are carried. A. Dr. of L. S. B[enjamin] F[ranklin] and J[ohn] F[oxcroft]. 10 p. **L(ii), 37.**

To [**The Freemen of Pennsylvania.**
1764. September 28. Philadelphia.]

Relative to some amendments which the Governor proposed to a bill passed by the Assembly for the punishment of certain offences, which amendments the Assembly refused to admit. This is one of their offences against the Lord Proprietors for which they were abused with all the virulence that malice can dictate, enforced by numberless barefaced falsehoods that only the most dishonest can and would dare to invent. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

XLVI(i), 82.

Printed in Works (Sparks, IV, 94; Bigelow, III, 305; Smyth, IV, 261).

To [**Colonel Henry Bouquet**]. 1764. September 30. Philadelphia.

Thinks of [Col. John] Bradstreet's peace [with the western Indians] as he does. Requests that if he writes any letter relating to the present expedition, which is likely to be seen by the Secretary of State, that he will mention him as ever ready to promote the service of the Crown. Tells him that his sentiments of the Constitution are solid and just. Until the change now attempted is effected there will be little internal quiet in the administration of Public Affairs. Voltaire on the subject of religious toleration. Gives a passage which, now that we are torn to pieces by faction, religious and civil, shows that it is advantageous to us that he views us at a favorable distance. Quotation in French concerning unjust criminal laws; what should be accepted as proof or evidence; presumptions should be excluded. Sends a pamphlet entitled "Jugement rendu dans l'affaire du Canada." Thinks it may interest him as during his war with that Colony he must have known some of the characters concerned. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p.

XLV, 29 and XLVI(i), 82½.

Printed in Works (Bigelow, X, 305; Smyth, IV, 267).

Remarks on the Late Protest Against the Appointment of Mr. Franklin as Agent for the Province of Pennsylvania. [1764.]

Diss. (Incomplete.) 6 p. [This manuscript was issued as a pamphlet, in Philadelphia in 1764.] **L(ii), 2.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IV, 143; Bigelow, III, 356; Smyth, IV, 273).

Epitaph on Mr. [William] Hogarth. [*Circa* 1764. November.]

A. N. 1 p. **L(ii), 16.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1764. December 9. Isle of Wight.

Have this moment come to an anchor here. Had terrible weather. Their friends' kind prayer for a thirty-day wind was favorably heard. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 29.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 281; Bigelow, III, 259; Smyth, IV, 288).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1764. December 27. London.

Is recovering from a violent cold which lasted 10 or 12 days. Given a cordial welcome by his old friends in London. Parliament does not meet till the 10th of next month. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 30.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IV, 288).

Schedule of Letters Received at the Post Office. [*Circa* 1764.]
A. Mem. 1 p. **LXIX, 121.**

Plan for the Settlement of the Westward. [*Circa* 1764.]
A. Dr. of Mem. 2 p. (Incomplete.) **L(ii), 28.**

Specifications for a New Dwelling House. [*Circa* 1764.]
A. Dr. of Mem. 2 p. **L(i), 18.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** 1765. *Circa* February.]
Domestic affairs, his house, etc. A. L. S. 2 p. (Mutilated.) **XLVI(ii), 92.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. February 9. London.

His health. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson bought the things she wrote for. Hopes to be able to return about the end of the summer. Will purchase a watch for Sally [Franklin]. News of Col. [Henry] Bouquet's success gave great satisfaction in London. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 31.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 283; Bigelow, III, 370; Smyth, IV, 358).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. February 14. London.

Sends her several articles. Glad their pamphlet gave her so little concern. Tells her to allow no one to make her uneasy with idle, malicious stories and scribblings. Hopes a few months will finish affairs in England and bring him to that retirement and repose with his family on which he has so long set his heart. A. L. S. 3 p.
XLVI(ii), 32.

Printed in Works (Smyth, IV, 359).

To **[Mrs. Deborah Franklin],** Philadelphia.
1765. February 14. London.

Encloses a letter from Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson and bill of lading for a chest of goods he sent her wherein are pamphlets for Billy [Franklin] and some books for cousin Cuthbert; will send the rest of the books to him as soon as they can be obtained. A. L. S. 1 p.
XLVI(ii), 33.

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. May 11. London.

Has been well lately, except for a fit of the gout which confined him a fortnight. May spend a week or two at Bath if he can find the time as soon as the Parliament rises. Hopes she is nicely settled in her new home. Rejoices to hear that his good old friend Mr. [Joseph] Wharton has another son [Hudson Wharton]. Thinks she did well in buying the lot, though she paid a high price for it. A. L. S. 2 p.
XLVI(ii), 34.

To **[The Editor of a Newspaper].** 1765. May 20.

Humorous account of newswriters and the intelligence often contained in newspapers. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 30.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 287; Bigelow, III, 376; Smyth, IV, 367).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. June 4. London.

Domestic affairs. Acknowledgment of Divine goodness. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 35.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 295; Bigelow, III, 390; Smyth, IV, 382).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. July 13. London.

Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson's directions for washing Sally [Franklin]'s striped gown. Concerning his new house. Is well and in good spirits. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 36.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. August 23. London.

Is well. Sends her a small box of tea and a packet wherein are letters for all their friends. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 37.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. October 2. London.

Wrote largely to her, but the gentleman who was to deliver the letter did not go aboard. Sends her several articles of which the letter will give her an account. Sends her a pair of tongs and of fireshovels. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 38.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1765. November 9. London.

His kind regards to his Presbyterian countryman, who tells the people that Dr. Franklin planned the Stamp Act. Thanks him if he does not charge him (as they do their God) with having planned Adam's fall and the damnation of mankind. Thinks he has the wisest look of any man he knows, and if he would only nod and wink and could but hold his tongue he might deceive an angel. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 39.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1765. December 13. London.

Is well. Will write fully to her and all his friends as soon as Parliament adjourns for the holidays. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 40.**

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1765.]

A paper on the stamp duty. A. Mem. 5 p. **L(ii), 46.**

To ——— ———. [1765?]

Encloses the paper he desires and requests him to judge of the propriety of publishing it as it is, or what alteration should be made in it. If it is adopted he wishes it to be presented to the Ministry, provided their present scheme of a Stamp Act might be laid aside. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI, 27.**

To **The Royal Society.** [*Circa* 1765.]

Proposal for membership of John Winthrop, Esq., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Harvard College. A. L. 1 p. **L(ii), 58.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1765?]

There is no rank in natural knowledge of equal dignity and importance with that of being a good parent, a good child, a good husband, etc., in short a good Christian. Nicolas Gimcrack, therefore, who neglected the care of his wife and family, to pursue butterflies, was a just object of ridicule. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 60.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin.** 1766. *Circa* February.]

Sends her a packet in which are letters for her neighbors, some beans, and a letter and parcel of newspapers for Billy [Franklin]. A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 99.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1766. February 27. London.

Sends her some curious beans for her garden. Congratulates her on the soon expected repeal of the Stamp Act and the great share of health they enjoy, though going on four score. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 41.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 306; Bigelow, III, 454; Smyth, IV, 409).

Examination before the British House of Commons, Relating to the Repeal of the Stamp Act. [1766. February.] London.

(First part missing.) D. 9 p. **XLIX, 62.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IV, 161; Bigelow, III, 407; Smyth, IV, 412).

Magna Britania her Colonies Reduc'd. [1766. March.]

An emblematic plate said to have been designed by Benjamin Franklin and struck off on cards and placed in the hands of the members of Parliament as they entered the House on the day preceding the debate on the Stamp Act. 1 p. 942.073. F. 85.

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1766. April 6. London.

Repeal of the Stamp Act. Domestic affairs.

P. S. A young man by the name of Joseph Wharton, who said he was sick and in financial distress, begged him to accept a draft on his brother in Philadelphia for twelve guineas; encloses the bill for payment. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 42.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 308; Bigelow, III, 457; Smyth, IV, 449).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1766. May 18. London.

Is well. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson is getting something to send her. Capt. [James] Robinson has arrived. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 43.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1766. June 13. London.

Is well, but feeble. Will make a tour to Pyrmont. A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XLVI(ii), 44 and 45.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 320; Bigelow, III, 467; Smyth, IV, 459).

To ——— ———. 1766. August 22. London.

Recommends Mr. George Spencer, a merchant of Philadelphia and New York. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **L(i), 54.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1766. August 25. London.

Receipt of her letter with the account of the death of his brother [Peter]; approves of what she did and recommends his desolate sister to the continuance of Mrs. Franklin's tender care and kindness. Mr. [John] Foxcroft, in appointing his brother, did what was agreed upon. Arrangement for his sister's subsistence. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 46.**

To [**Mrs. Mary Franklin**]. 1766. August 26. London.

Death of his brother [Peter]; provision for his sister's subsistence. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 31.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, III, 472; Smyth, IV, 460).

To ——— ———. 1766. October 4. London.

Has been informed of the good purpose to dispose of the profits of one thousand pounds in the instruction of negro children in America. Has been requested by the Associates [of Dr. Bray] to give some account of the nature of landed estates in America, and to give his opinion as to where and in what manner the purchase may best be made. He accordingly advises them. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 32.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IV, 463).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1766. October 11. London.

Descendants of his grandfather in England. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 47.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 325; Bigelow, III, 474; Smyth, IV, 464).

To **Dr. [William] Cullen.** [1766. November ?]

Recommends to his favorable notice Mr. [Jonathan] Potts and Mr. [Benjamin] Rush. Is persuaded from the character they bear, that they will improve greatly under his lectures and do honor to his medical school. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 8.**

Printed in Memorial of Thomas Potts, Jr., Cambridge, 1874, p. 174.

To **Sir Alexander Dick.** [1766. November ?]

Recommends to his protection the bearers, Mr. [Jonathan] Potts and Mr. [Benjamin] Rush, who come to study in their medical school. A. Dr. of L. S. **XLVI(i), 6.**

Printed in Memorial of Thomas Potts, Jr., Cambridge, 1874, p. 173.

To ——— ———. [1766. November ?]

The bearers of the letter, Mr. [Jonathan] Potts and Mr. [Benjamin] Rush, are drawn to Edinburgh by the fame of ye medical school. Recommends them to his protection and countenance and requests that he would be so good as to favor them with his advice. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 5.**

Printed in Memorial of Thomas Potts, Jr., Cambridge, 1874, p. 173.

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1766. December 13. London.

Wonders she had not heard of his return from Germany, as he wrote by the August packet and by a ship from Holland just as he was coming over. Asks her whether she paid off Mr. Siddons, and got the deeds recorded. Wants to know what money she received from his brother Peter on the account of the Post Office. Wants to know how her tenants pay, what rent she receives, whether she insured the house, and whether any use is made of the house Mrs. Broughton lived in. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 48.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1766. December 15. London.

Desires her to send him three or four young trees of the Newton Pippin kind or else a few cuttings for grafts, soldered up in a tin tube to keep them from dying. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 49.**

On the Issue of Paper Currency in the American Colonies.
[1766.]

A defence of the system. A. Dr. of Diss. 4 p. **L(i), 14.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 322, Note).

To [**John**] **Swinton** [**Jr.** *Circa* 1766.]

Glad the intelligence procured from Governor Franklin relating to his lands in New Jersey afford him any degree of satisfaction. Recommends to his friendly offices Mr. [Jonathan] Potts and Mr. [Benjamin] Rush, who are in Edinburgh to improve themselves in the study of physics. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 7.**

Printed in Memorial of Thomas Potts, Jr., Cambridge, 1874, p. 174.

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1766.]

Relating to the trouble about the Stamp Act, and the refusal of the House of Commons to receive the petitions from the Colonies. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **L(ii), 30, 30a.**

On the Productions and Population of the Colonies. [*Circa* 1766.]

Summary of contents of a dissertation; their imports and exports. Remarks. A. Mem. 6 p. **L(ii), 21.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1766.]

Fragment on the differences between Great Britain and the Colonies, A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 23.**

On the Taxation of the Colonies. [*Circa* 1766.]

A. Diss. 2 p. (Incomplete.) **L(ii), 24.**

To [**The Printer of the Public Advertiser.** *Circa* 1766.]

Relating to the rise and progress of the differences between Great Britain and her Colonies. A. Dr. of Diss. (Incomplete.) 6 p. **L(ii), 31.**

Heads of Articles Relating to the Land Concern. [*Circa* 1766.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 3 p. **L(i), 47.**

Legislation for the Colonies during the 17th Century. [*Circa* 1766.]

A. Mem. 2 p. **L(ii), 54.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1766.]

Freemen to be taxed by their Representatives. Ultimate effects of taxation. Three ways of avoiding the inconveniences: (1) By allowing each Colony to send members to Parliament; (2) by empowering them to send delegates from each Assembly to a common Council, of which Council the sum to be asked; (3) by the paper money scheme. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **L(ii), 51.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1767. February 7. London.

Is well and very busy. Received the clothes, wore them, but find them too tight. Thanks her for the garters. The apples and meal not come ashore yet. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson sends Sally [Franklin] some pointed lace in place of that which was lost. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 50.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1767. May 23. London.

Since he is at so great a distance from home and can make no enquiries into Mr. [Richard] Bache's character and circumstances, nor from any judgment, he leaves the matter to her and Sally [Franklin]'s

brother; in doubt whether he shall be able to return this summer and would not occasion a delay of Sally's happiness, if she thought the match a proper one. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 51.**

To [**Mary**] **Stevenson.** [1767. June 15.]

On her birthday. Compares the soul encased in our bodies to good wine in a cask. The outer covering may become frail and weak through time but the wine only improves and becomes more refined with age. A. Verses. 1 p. **LI, 92.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1767. June 21. London.

Sends her presents, and a book on Mr. [John] Harrison's watch which he wishes her to present to Mr. [Edward] Duffield. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 52.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1767. June 22. London.

Economical advice; the proposed marriage of his daughter; Polly [Mary] Stevenson's match is broken off. The blue room. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 53.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 345; Bigelow, IV, 18; Smyth, V, 31).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1767. July 3. London.

Sends a box of clothes for her and Sally. Has been ill during the week with an epidemical cold but is getting well again. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 54.**

To ——— **Pomeroy,** London. 1767. August 1. London.

Relating to Mr. Samuel Cooper's honorary degree from the University of Edinburgh. Feels himself happy in having been in any way instrumental in procuring an honor so justly due to that gentleman's uncommon merit. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 7.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1767. August 5. London.

Domestic affairs. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 55.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 248; Bigelow, IV, 22; Smyth, V, 37).

To [**Mary Stevenson**]. 1767. September 14. Paris.

Description of his journey to Paris. French fashions. The King and Queen. Improvements in Versailles. Paris. French politeness. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 6 p. **XLV, 32½.**

Printed, in full, in Works (Sparks, VII, 358; Bigelow, IV, 33; Smyth, V, 48).

To **Rev. Mr.** ———. [1766. September. London.]

If the venerable Society shall appoint Mr. [Elihu] Spencer to the mission of Spotswood, in New Jersey, he will recommend him to the Governor of that Province. Rev. [William] Sturgeon, of Philadelphia, wrote to him that his health is so much on a decline, as to oblige him to retire into the country, and that he should think himself happy if the Society would appoint him to succeed Mr. [Colin] Campbel[l] at Burlington. Thinks Trenton, if vacant, would suit him. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 26.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1767. November 17. London.

Longs to hear of her and Sally [Franklin]'s welfare from their own hands. Is well and hearty. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 57.**

To **The Printer of the London Chronicle.**

[1767. November. London.]

On smuggling and its various species. (Three pages missing.) A. Dr. of L. 9 p. **XLVI(i), 72; L(ii), 12; LVIII, 5.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, II, 361; Bigelow, IV, 46; Smyth, V, 60).

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1767.]

Is afraid we have many more rebels among us than we were aware of. Among others they that have not registered the weight of their plate and paid the duty are all rebels; to whom may be added the acting rebels that wear French silks and cambrics. The petition is from a number of private persons, merchants of New York, stating their opinion that several restraints in the Acts of Trade laid on the commerce of the Colonies are not only prejudicial to the Colonies but to the mother country. Those reasons are to be judged of here, and if good and are supported by facts, instead of censure those merchants might deserve thanks; if otherwise, the petition may be laid aside. Petitioning is not rebellion. A. L. S. Friend to both countries. (Fragment.) 1 p. **L(ii), 12d.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1767. December 14. London.

Wants her to send him [Henrich] Miller's German Newspapers [Der Wöchentliche Philadelphische Staatsbote] for two or three months back and to be continued, and also a lump of that sort of stone they make steps and checks of cellar doors of, at Philadelphia. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 58.**

An Account of the Paper Money Act of 1739. [*Circa* 1767.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 4 p. (Incomplete.) **L(ii), 47.**

Embodied in Pownall's Administration of the Colonies, London, 1768, p. 234.

Relative to the Scheme of Issuing Paper Money and the Effect Thereof. [*Circa* 1767.]

A. Diss. 4 p. (Incomplete.) **L(ii), 18.**

Printed in Pownall's Administration of the Colonies, 4th Ed., 1768, I, 240.

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1767?]

Is ashamed of his procrastination. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 59.**

To **Sir John Pringle.** [*Circa* 1767.]

Perused the remarks made by Capt. Coates relative to voyages into the Hudson Bay, the geography of the country and his reasons for believing a western sea to be not far distant. Should be made available to all who should endeavor further attempts to discover a northwest passage. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 12½.**

To [**Thomas François**] **Dalibard.** 1768. January 31. London.

Hopes he received Priestley's History of Electricity; wishes that that book might renew his taste for that branch of philosophy. Thanks for the many civilities he received when at Paris. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 33a.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 277; Bigelow, IV, 111; Smyth, V, 94).

To **Abbé Chappe.** 1768. January 31. London.

Sends him a tooth, which was found together with 30 large skeletons, near the Ohio about 200 miles from Fort Du Quesne; and which is supposed to belong to an elephant. Wants his opinion and would like to know if anything of that kind has been found in Siberia. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 33b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 92).

To [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1768. January 31. London.

Esteems the acquaintance with him as one of the happiest incidents of his journey. Has no philosophical news worth communicating. The [Royal] Society is about to send out three sets of astronomers to observe the next transit of Venus; while they were attentive to what would pass in the heavens, their entrusted clerk and collector ran away with £1,500. Sends his respects to his brothers and is obliged to the elder for the generous manner in which he communicated and explained the most ingenious contrivances of his time-piece. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 33c.**

To **Père Joseph Etienne Bertier.** 1768. January 31. London.

Acquaints him that his certificate [of nomination] has been received by the Royal Society. Asks him to forward his Christian name that it may be inserted on the certificate without which it is not reckoned regular. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 33d.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 93).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1768. February 13. London.

Much concerned about the loss of his sister's daughter. Was kind of her to write a letter of condolence, has also written to her on the occasion. Is now and has been in good health all winter. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 63.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1768. February 20. London.

His health. Is beginning to prepare for his return which will be about May or June. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 59.**

To **The Printer of the London Chronicle.** [1768. April.]

An answer to "the Portugal Merchant of Lisbon" relative to the trade with the Colonies. A. Dr. of L. S. "F. + S." 3 p. [See Vol. IV, page 205, XLIX, 39.] **L(i), 9.**

From **The English Editor** *to* **The Reader.** 1768. May 8. London.

Preface to the "Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania." (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(i), 6.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IV, 256; Bigelow, IV, 157; Smyth, V, 127).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1768. May 25. London.

Continues well. Has been at Bath and Bristol. Must stay a few weeks longer in England; is impatient to be with her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 60.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1768. June 11. London.

Mr. Coleman is with him; the surgeon with whom he hoped a cure being abroad, he has, upon the best advice, submitted to have the diseased part cut out. Hopes he will be able to return with him about the middle of next month. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 61.**

To **John Alleyne, Esq.** [1768. August 9.] London.

Cause for not writing sooner. Glad he is married. Advantages of early marriages. Advice. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(i), 2.**
Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 156).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1768. December 21. London.

Domestic affairs. Intends to return in the summer. Mr. [Richard] Bache, Benjamin Mecom. His constitution. Sends a box of books for herself and his friends. A. L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 62.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 423; Bigelow, IV, 215; Smyth, V, 182).

To Force, with Gunpowder, a Wheel to go Round. [*Circa* 1768.]

Diagram with explanations. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 58.**

To **Michael Collinson.** [1768?]

Expresses his approbation of the design to give to the public some account of his dear friend Peter Collinson. Some biographical facts about him. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(i), 15.**
Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 426; Bigelow, IV, 218; Smyth, V, 185).

To **The Printer of the Gazetteer.** [1768?]

Does no good to rave against the Americans. Would recommend civility and redress of grievances to restore a solid Union. A. L. S. "Old England in its Senses." 1 p. **L(i), 7.**

Memorandum. [1768.]

Sketch of the room and table where the King of Denmark dined in public, October 1, 1768. 1 p. **XLIX, 78.**

To [**William**] **Dunlap.** [*Circa* 1768.]

It is not in their power to give a discharge for his whole debt to the Post Office on his payment of a part, the debt being not to them but to the Crown. If he does not come to a settlement immediately, they will be obliged to commence suit, whereby the accounts will be examined and settled by indifferent men, which will be more agreeable to them than a private settlement. He is immediately called upon to make good his charge against his predecessor. A. Dr. of L. S. [Benjamin] F[ranklin] and [John] F[oxcroft]. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 17.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1768.]

Ladies' disputes and differences are of too delicate a nature for him to interfere with. Their tea and their passions cool with a very little time and he that meddles with them too soon may burn his lips. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 29.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1769. March 1. London.

Is well, his arms have perfectly recovered their strength. Mr. Coleman's fresh disorders grieve him. Had a visit from Mr. [Richard] Bache's sister who appears to be a very agreeable, sensible young woman. A. L. S. **XLVI(ii), 64.**

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.

1769. March 21. London.

Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson sent her a case, and a trunk containing things mentioned in invoice enclosed. A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 65.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1769. June 3. London.

Continues well. Is impatient for the next pacquet which he hopes will bring good news under her own hand. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson talks of paying her a visit. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 66.**

To [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1769. September 22. London.

Has sent him one of the achromatic glasses complete, also three of the glasses described in one of his printed letters. The astronomers knew nothing before his return of the comet he [Le Roy] told him about at Paris; they have since watched it very closely, but as the French astronomers have observed it three weeks sooner, he supposes they have been better able to determine its orbit. (Mutilated.) A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 35a.**

To [**Barbeu**] **Dubourg.** 1769. September 22. London.

Sends him some sheets of his piece now printing and requests him to make any corrections. Sends him [Joseph] Priestley's essay on the First Principles of [Government]. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 35b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 229).

To [**Thomas François**] **Dalibard.** 1769. September 22. London.

Thanks him for the many civilities and marks of friendship he received from him and Mad. Dalibard while in Paris. Sends him an engraving of himself. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 35c.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 230).

To **John Winthrop.** 1769. March 1. London.

Has obtained a telescope for him. Sent the new edition of his Philosophical Papers to Harvard College; the resolutions to consume no more British goods, if persisted in, may have a good effect another year. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 34.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, IV, 233; Smyth, V, 198).

To **William Strahan.** 1769. November 29. London.

Dr. Franklin's opinion of how the supremacy of the Legislature may be best preserved. Answers to Mr. [William] Strahan's queries. What he fears is like to come to pass. L. S. 8 p. (Copy in French.) **XLV, 36b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 237).

Memoranda. [*Circa* 1769.]

Relative to Alderman [Barlow] Trecothic[k]'s character; cruelty in starving the poor; his humbug alphabet; orders for paper. Memoranda concerning prisoners; [John Paul] Jones's squadron, etc., etc. 8 p. **L(ii), 59.**

To **Editor of ———.** [*Circa* 1769.]

Rebukes M. S. for abusing the New Englanders in his attempt to defend Lord Hillsborough's conduct. Comments on the disagreeable consequences that may result from it. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 61.**

Rise and Present State of the Misunderstanding with North America and the Effect of the Non-importation Resolutions. [1769?]

A. Dr. of Diss. 3 p. **L(ii), 3.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1770. March 18. London.

Is well. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson and Polly send their affections. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 67.**

To **[Mrs. Deborah Franklin].** 1770. June 10. London.

Told Sally [Franklin] Sir John Pringle's opinion as to the probability of her son not having the small-pox hereafter; he advised that since no eruption appeared, to make sure of the thing by inoculating him again. His health. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 68.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 449; Bigelow, IV, 348; Smyth, V, 264).

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1770.] June 15.

Is going out of town but will endeavor to return in time for the pleasure he proposes to him to meet Baron Behr. Asks him to advise Mr. [Richard] Jackson, if he should be at a loss how to get ashore the two barrels of flour that came from Philadelphia. Informs him that one barrel of flour is for him. Mr. [John] Foxcroft's high opinion of the flour. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 28.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1770. July 19. London.

This letter will be delivered by their countryman, Mr. [Henry] Benbridge; he has so greatly improved in Italy as a portrait painter that the connoisseurs think few or none excel him; hopes he will meet with encouragement in his own country and that they do not lose him as they lost Mr. [Benjamin] West. He chose Pennsylvania merely from affection for that State; could live exceedingly well in England by his profession. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 69.**

To **Dennis De Berdt, Agent for the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay.** [1770. September?]

In the *Gazetteer* of Friday, August 26, he states that the report insinuating that the Earl of Hillsborough had neglected to deliver a petition from the Assembly of Massachusetts Bay to His Majesty, was groundless; glad he set the matter right. Hopes he will also be able to refute the statement that his Lordship having an account of the purport of the Assembly's petition, refused to receive it from him on the ground that he was not a regularly appointed Agent consented to by the Governor. Asks him for the reasons he gave the Assembly for not proceeding with their petition. A. L. S. "The Publick." 2 p. **XLVI(i), 9.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1770. October 3. London.

Benjamin Franklin Bache. Story of two little boys in a street. Is sorry he did not send one of his books to Mr. Rhodes since he was desirous of seeing it. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 70.**

Printed in Works, (Sparks, VII, 487; Bigelow, IV, 368; Smyth, V, 282).

To **The Craven Street Gazette.** [1770.]

Satirical communication. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 5 p. **L(i), 31.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, II, 236; Bigelow, IV, 361; Smyth, V, 277).

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1770.]

Relating to the various complaints of Dr. [William] H[unter] against Mr. [William] H[ewson]'s conduct. A. Mem. 5 p. **L(ii), 39.**

To **Lord ——— ———.** [*Circa* 1770.]

Has a just demand on one of his officers, Mr. Eyles, Warden of the Fleet, which he refuses to satisfy. Too poor to go to law, therefore applies to His Lordship's goodness to be informed of the case and to do him justice. A. Dr. of L. Endorsed. "Rough draft." Letter for Bourke, French Master. 1 p. **LXIX, 95.**

Memoranda. [*Circa* 1770.]

Dates of setting out and return of journeys in 1766, 1767 and 1769. A. Mem. 1 p. **LXIX, 119a.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1771. January 2. London.

Acknowledges the receipt of her letters. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 71.**

To **William Franklin.** 1771. April 20. London.

Severe winter. [Thomas] Walpole's grant. The Acts of the New Jersey Assembly; accounts with his son. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 37.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 516; Bigelow, IV, 394; Smyth, V, 313).

To **Humphry Marshall,** West Bradford, Pa. 1771. April 22. London.

Encouragement of home manufacturers. A. L. S. 2 p. (Facsimile.) **LXIX, 1.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, X, 315; Smyth, V, 315).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1771. May 1. London.

Received the bill for £30 on Sir Alexander Grant; sorry she had so much trouble in buying it, especially as it occasioned her some disgust against Messrs. [John and Thomas] Foxcroft for not supplying the money to pay for it. He had limited them in their payments to her to the sum of £30 per month, for the sake of their more easily settling and to prevent mistakes. Does not like her going around among his friends to borrow money with which to buy bills and asks her to decline buying them in the future. Will order more money to be given her if she will satisfy him that what she receives is insufficient. Is pleased with the little histories of the fine boy. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 72.**

To **Thomas Pownall.** 1771. May 8. Craven Street.

Thinks Mr. Sargent of Downing Street corresponds with Mr. [Daniel] Coxe, [5th], and will probably take out the warrant [appointing him one of the Council of New Jersey. See Vol. I, p. 120.] A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **III, 60a.**

To **Isaac Smith.** 1771. May 17. Craven Street.

Rule to be observed in travelling through foreign countries. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 40.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 320).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1771. June 5. London.

Made a journey of a fortnight to Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds and Manchester. The King's birthday. Feels exceedingly well. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 73.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 524; Bigelow, IV, 401; Smyth, V, 321).

To **[Jonathan Shipley], Bishop of St. Asaph.**
1771. June 24. London.

Visit at Twyford. Sends a book to Miss Georgiana and a specimen of American dried apples for Mrs. Shipley. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 38.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 524; Bigelow, IV, 402; Smyth, V, 329).

To **[Jonathan Shipley], Bishop of St. Asaph.** 1771. July 25.

Should have been happy in accompanying His Lordship on that agreeable party, or in being in Twyford instead of being in London. Proposes to set out next Tuesday, if nothing prevents. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 39.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 337).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1771. July 4. London.

Is well; will write more fully by next pacquet. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 74.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1771. July 4. London.

Hopes her cold is gone; cure for a cold. Accident to Mr. Rogers and his family. If he were to build again would make his house incapable of burning. Remarks about his grandson. Will return after another winter. Sends her two plated canisters and a sugar canister. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 75.**

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1771. August 14. London.

His pictures. Visit to the Bishop of St. Asaph's family. Will set out on a trip to Ireland with his old friend, Counsellor [Richard] Jackson. Desires her to push the enquiry after the Lancaster Dutchman and not let it sleep and be forgotten. (Concluding part mutilated.) A. L. 3 p. **XLVI(ii), 76.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 538; Bigelow, IV, 415; Smyth, V, 338).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1771. August 17. London.

Continues well, but finds more exercise necessary to preserve his health. About to make the tour of Ireland with Mr. [Richard] Jackson, and return through Scotland before the Parliament opens. Would not have her send the receipts for the money she pays, but it would be agreeable to him to see from time to time an account of the considerable sums. Introduces Mr. Tyler, who wishes to settle in Philadelphia. Has spent three weeks with his friend the Bishop [of St. Asaph]. Promised to spend the Christmas holidays with him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 77.**

To ——— ———. [1771?] August 15.

His cash is lower than usual. After examining his accounts he finds that he cannot, without the greatest inconvenience to himself, comply with his request. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 21.**

Agreement. 1771. December 18.

Relative to an extension of time to fulfill the conditions of a certain transaction. A. D. S. B[enjamin] Franklin, Joseph Massie. **L(i), 42.**

List of Papers Relating to the Affairs of Georgia. [1771.]

Received in a parcel. A. Mem. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 75.**

To [**Mrs. Jane Mecom**]. 1772. January 13. London.

Draft of the two concluding paragraphs and postscripts. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 41a.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 541; Bigelow, IV, 428; Smyth, V, 348).

To **Mrs. [Elizabeth] Partridge.** 1772. January 13. London.

Received her "angry-a-little" letter though he "had suffered a preceding one to remain two years unanswered." If he did so, which he doubts, he begs to be excused. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 41c.**

To **S[amuel] Franklin.** 1772. January 13. London.

How to choose a wife. Just returned from a long journey through Wales, Ireland, Scotland and the Northern parts of England. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 41b.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VII, 559; Bigelow, IV, 446; in full, Smyth, V, 370).

To **[Caty Greene?** 1772. January 13. London?]

Sends a receipt for making cheese and hopes that she may be the means of introducing a valuable manufacture into the country—the more valuable, as the cream is saved and hence the farm affords more butter; at the same time that the cheese is of so much greater value. Bids her not to be discouraged and sends a piece of right Parmesan that she may be acquainted with it, and know when she has hit it. A. Dr. of L. S. (First part missing.) **XLV, 47a.**

To **Mr. Ware, Gov[erno]r.** 1772. January 13. London.

Thanks him for recommending Mr. Marchant to him; had the pleasure of his company in Scotland and will do what he can to serve him. Condoles with him on the loss of his amiable partner. Hopes he will find comfort in his children. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 47b.**

To **Dr. [Ezra] Stiles.** 1772. January 13. London.

Zoroaster's writings in French. Remarks on the work. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 48.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 559; Bigelow, IV, 447; Smyth, V, 371).

To **Dr. [Joshua] Babcock.** 1772. January 13. London.

Agricultural pursuits. Condition of the poor in Ireland. Happiness of the New England people. Benefits of civilization. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 49.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 552; Bigelow, IV, 439; Smyth, V, 361).

To [**James**] **Bowdoin.** 1772. January 13. London.

Dr. [Joseph] Priestley. Lord Grenville's sentiment respecting American affairs. Colonial Agents in England. Dined with Mr. [Charles] Lucas in Ireland. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 50.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 549; Bigelow, IV, 436; Smyth, V, 358).

To **Dr.** [**Samuel**] **Cooper.** 1772. January 13. London.

Reason why the Governors should be paid by the Provincial Legislature rather than the Crown. Commissioners should not be exempt from the payment of taxes. Commodore [James] Gambier. Shall continue to exert himself in behalf of his country whether he is rechosen Agent or not. Anecdote. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 51.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 545; Bigelow, IV, 432; Smyth, V, 354).

To [**Prof. John**] **Winthrop.** 1772. January 13. London.

Received the 52 shillings. Hopes Mr. Winthrop received the Transactions for 1770. Will forward the new volume as soon as it arrives. Wants to know whether he should give the paper he enclosed to him to the [Royal] Society. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 52.**

To **Tho**[**ma**]**s Cushing.** 1772. January 13. London.

Tour in Ireland. Visit to Lord Hillsborough, his extraordinary civilities and his sentiments on American affairs. Introduced to the Irish Parliament. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 4 p. **XLV, 53.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 554; Bigelow, IV, 441; Smyth, V, 363).

To [**Anthony**] **Tissington.** 1772. January 28. London.

Received his turkey and drank to his and Mrs. Tissington's health. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson is ailing with rheumatic pains. Sorry he could not call at Alfreton. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 42.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 375).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1772. January 28. London.

Pleased with the little history of his grandson. Advised Mr. [Richard] Bache to settle down to business in Philadelphia, to deal in the ready money way only; has given him £200 to add something to his cargo. Received neighbor Haddock's silk and carried it to her rela-

tions. The squirrels, buckwheat, Indian meal, dried peaches and apples came to hand, but the sturgeon did not arrive. Sends her a piece of Holland from Ireland. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 43.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 561; Bigelow, IV, 448; Smyth, V, 372).

To [**Mrs. Sarah Bache**]. 1772. January 29. London.

Met Mr. [Richard] Bache at Preston and advised him to settle down in business in Philadelphia. Advice to his daughter. Pleased that the things sent proved agreeable. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 44.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 563; Bigelow, IV, 451; Smyth, V, 376).

To [**William Franklin**]. 1772. January 30. London.

Lord Hillsborough's civilities. A tour in Ireland. Lord Hillsborough's opinion of the obnoxious treatment of the Colonies. Introduced into the Irish Parliament. Trip through Scotland. Mr. [Richard] Bache's desire. American Agents in England. Proposes returning home. A. Dr. of L. S. 6 p. **XLV, 45.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VII, 564; Bigelow, IV, 452; Smyth, V, 378).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia.
1772. February 3. London.

Continues well, and hopes they are also well. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 78.**

To [**William Franklin**]. 1772. February 3. London.

Recommends the Rev. Mr. [Thomas] Coombe; not only an excellent preacher, but practices the morality he preaches. Parliament opened with a calm in party affairs. Peace seems about restored between the Turks and Russians. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 45½.**

To [**John**] **Foxcroft.** 1772. February 4. London.

Common error in friends to make comparisons and depreciate the merits of others. Not necessary to do so in this case. Mr. [Samuel] Wharton will have a good deal of merit in the affair [the Walpole grant] if it succeeds, he having been exceedingly active and industrious in it. But though he [Dr. Franklin] has not been equally active his advice may have been thought of some use, since it has been asked on every step and he believes he has lent some weight to the negotia-

tions by his joining in the affair, from the greater confidence men are apt to place in one they know than in a stranger. As he neither asks nor expects any particular consideration for any service he may have done, he only thinks he ought to escape censure. Let all do their endeavors in their special capacities, and if one has the ability or the opportunity of doing more for his friends than another, let him think that a happiness and be satisfied. The business is not yet completed and as many things happen between the cup and the lip perhaps there may be nothing of this kind for friends to dispute about. Adjustment of their private accounts. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 46.**

A. extract from this letter. 2 p. **L(i), 30.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 1; Bigelow, IV, 473; Smyth, V, 382).

To **Dr. [Richard] Price.** 1772. February 11. London.

Thanks him for his excellent book in which he appeals to the public on the subject of the National Debt. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 54.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 389).

Memorandum. 1772. February.

Relative to his accounts with James Parker. A. Mem. 2 p. **L(i), 21.**

To **[Mrs.] Deborah Franklin and Richard Bache.** 1772. February 17. Philadelphia.

Power of attorney to his wife, Deborah, and his son-in-law, Richard Bache. D. S. 1 p. **LXVI, 4.**

To **[The Managers of the Contributions for Promoting the Culture of Silk in Pennsylvania.** 1772. February ? London.]

In relation to silk culture in America and the waste of silk in dyeing. Peculiar customs in the silk trade. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 83.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1772. March 19. London.

Is glad to hear that her kingbird [Benjamin Franklin Bache] has gone through his second inoculation. Sends her the curtains she wrote for. A new bedstead is being made. (Mutilated.) A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 79.**

To **Noble Wimberley Jones.** 1772. April 2. London.

Hopes the petition relating to the controverted lands may be brought to a favorable conclusion before the closing of the House. Shall interview Governor [James Wright] on his arrival here, relative to his treatment of the Assembly and Mr. Jones. Relation of the Parliament to the King to facilitate intercourse. Comparison of the liberties taken by Kings and Governors. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. **XLV, 55.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 390).

To ——— ———. 1772. April 3. Craven Street.

Is of the opinion that Cook should be agreed with, notwithstanding the advance on what he once offered the right for. Dr. [Cadwalader] Evans thinks it worth double. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 56a.**

To ——— ———. 1772. April 3. Craven Street.

Tapped the porter and found it excellent; Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson sends him some souns and tongues from America, with directions for dressing them. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 56b.**

To [**Jean Baptiste**] **Le Roy.** 1772. April 20. London.

Glad that he is happily married. Intended French expedition to the North Pole. Messrs. Banks and Solander are to sail soon with two ships for the south; they expect to be out four years. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 57.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, IV, 480; Smyth, V, 393).

To **Dr.** [**Joseph**] **Priestley.** 1772. May 4. London.

Dr. Franklin's electrical machine; the Abbé Nollet's machine. De Lor's machine. Le Roy has received an electrical machine which he has improved so as to produce the positive and negative electricities separately or together at the same time. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 58.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, IV, 482; Smyth, V, 394).

To [**John Foxcroft?**]. 1772. May 5. London.

The session of Parliament has been a quiet one and draws near a conclusion. Lord North manages ably. Peace is negotiating between the Turks and the Russians, and miserable Poland is in a fair way of being pacified too. There is no present appearance of any other war

likely to occur in Europe. Sir John Pringle has proposed to him a journey to Switzerland for the summer, but he has not resolved upon it. Proposes visiting America in the summer, if not returning for good and all. Will spend the summer in the country with his friends, if he does not visit America. (Mutilated.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p.
XLVI(ii), 80a.

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1772. May 5. London.

Is sorry for the disorder that has befallen his friend Mr. [Ebenezer] Kinnersley. Hopes Mr. [Richard] Bache is, by this time, home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 80b and 81.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 8; Bigelow, IV, 484; Smyth, V, 396).

To **Major Dawson.** 1772. May 29. London.

On the security of the powder magazines at Purfleet. L. S. 3 p. (Translation in French.) **XLVI(i), 3.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 427).

To **The Printer of the Public Advertiser.** [1772. June 3.]

Reason for one sect persecuting another. Relative to the justice of the charge against the present dissenters, particularly those in America. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **L(ii), 10.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, II, 112; Bigelow, IV, 466; Smyth, V, 399).

To [**Mrs. Deborah Franklin**]. 1772. July 14. London.

Visits to the North of England. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 82.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 9; Bigelow, IV, 494; Smyth, V, 408).

Minutes of the Committee on the Purfleet Magazine.
1772. August 12.

Meeting attended by Mr. [Henry] Cavendish, Dr. Franklin, Dr. [William] Watson, Mr. Benjamin Wilson and Mr. [John] R[obertson]. Agreed that conductors to the magazine are necessary. How and where they should be placed. 1 p. **XLIX, 74.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1772. August 22. London.

Had a severe attack of the gout but is somewhat better. Mrs. [Benjamin] West has another son to whom he is godfather. His other godson, Billy Hewson, is a fine boy. Mr. [Alexander] Small returned home full of the praises of America. Rejoices that she had so much pleasure with her kingbird [Benjamin Franklin Bache]. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 83.**

Observations on Pointed Lightning Rods.

[1772. August 27. London.]

Relative to the size of conductors necessary to protect houses from lightning. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of Diss. 2 p. (Fragment.) **L(ii), 32.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 435; Bigelow, IV, 508; Smyth, V, 420).

To **[Duc de la Vallière].** 1772. September 4.

With the greatest pleasure he received the information of his nomination by the King to fill a vacancy in the Academy of Sciences as Associé étranger; begs him to present to His Majesty his grateful acknowledgments. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. (With a French translation.) **XLV, 59.**

To **[John] Huske.** 1772. September 6. London.

America is obliged to him for his continued good wishes and schemes; the obtaining money from the poor treasury to forward such schemes, although beneficial to America, is out of all expectation. A new colony is forming where good land may be had cheap. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 60a.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 435).

To **[John] Walsh.** 1772. September 6. London.

Glad that he intends publishing an account of his experiments. Dr. [Joseph] Priestley found that growing vegetables restore air that has been spoilt by putrefaction. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 60b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 436).

To **Dr. Cadwalader Evans,** Philadelphia.

[Franked "B., Free, Franklin"]. 1772. December 2. London.

Is much concerned to hear of his illness. Has received his favor of October 21st, with bill drawn by order of the Managers for Promoting

the Culture of Silk, and is glad the purchase he made was satisfactory. As the sum exceeds his disbursement the overplus will wait his orders. The truss was sent, is vexed that it did not come to hand, and must inquire what became of it. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 8.**

To [Barbeu] **Dubourg.** 1772. December 26. London.

Spelling. Will enquire of Messrs. Dilly for the American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 61.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, V, 463).

To **Madame** [A——. *Circa* 1772.]

Informs her that there is no grant of land as yet to be obtained from those concerned in the new colony, their grant from the Crown not having yet passed the Seals. Thinks with so many children she will be better in Pennsylvania than in London; the children can be got into sober, industrious families and taught a trade on much easier terms than in London. Mr. A—'s dexterity in business may induce his being engaged in some store. Thinks Mrs. A— could open a boarding school for girls. Refers her to Mr. and Mrs. [Richard] Bache. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 71.**

To [Barbeu] **Dubourg.** [*Circa* 1772.]

Acknowledges receipt of package containing two parcels of the Ephemerides. Sends salutations to Madame Dubourg, Mlle. Bihéron and other friends. Promises himself the happiness of seeing them and him once more, for he thinks of returning home (when he does return) through France and Italy, taking his passage at Leghorn in some of the ships that go thither with corn or fish. A. L. S. 1 p. (First part missing.) **XLVI(i), 63.**

Directions for Discovering Whether the Power that gives the Shock in Touching the Torpedo or the Gymnotus of Surinam is Electrical or not. [*Circa* 1772.]

A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 49.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 412; Bigelow, III, 466; Smyth, V, 539).

To ——— ———. 1772(?).

Relative to the use of pointed conductors in Philadelphia and London to secure buildings from lightning. Pointed conductors for the maga-

zines of gunpowder at Purfleet. Hopes he removed the prejudice of his fellow-citizens relating to his conductor, and that he has since completed it, so as to make the experiment with it, he had in view. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLVI(i), 30.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1772.]

Questions relating to Ireland. A. Mem. 2 p. **LVIII, 78.**

New Version of the Lord's Prayer. [*Circa* 1772.]

Giving reasons for the proposed changes in expression. 3 p. (A. Dr. of Diss. In duplicate.) **L(i), 4 and 5.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, I, 77; Smyth, VII, 427).

To **Sir William Browne.** [1772.]

Warning against any further publication of malicious libels and forged articles. A. L. S. "An Offended Fellow of the R[oyal] Society." 2 p. **L(i), 2.**

To **Sir J[ohn] Pringle.** [*Circa* 1772.]

Is greatly obliged for the trouble he took in the affair of the silk and is happy to hear that the Queen condescended to accept it with a purpose of wearing it. This will afford the silk raisers of Pennsylvania great encouragement to proceed in a measure the British Parliament seems to have had much at heart, the procuring a supply of that valuable article from the Colonies, for which large sums are paid yearly to France, Spain, Italy and the Indies. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 12.**

To **[Barbeu Dubourg.** 1772?]

Does not think damp clothes causes colds any more than wet clothes. The securing of fruits from the mischief of frosts. (Incomplete. Mutilated.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 58.**

To **[Mrs. Deborah Franklin].** 1773. January 6. London.

His birthday. Glad she continues well. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 84.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 31; Bigelow, V, 86; Smyth, VI, 4).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1773. March 15. London.

Sends her a box containing sundry parcels for his friends, and silk and gowns for her and Sally [Franklin]. Continues well and hopes soon to see her and home. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 85.**

To **[Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.** [1773.] March 30. London.

Pointed conductors for the public magazines of gunpowder, and their disadvantages as claimed by Mr. [Benjamin] Wilson in his pamphlet to alarm the people of their danger. Sent a volume of American [Philosophical Society's] Transactions to the Academy of Sciences in Paris and when he found it was favorably received, he acquaints him, he nominated him a member of that Society and he was elected January 15. Two ships are being fitted out by the Admiralty at the request of the Royal Society to make a voyage to the North Pole. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 14.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, V, 120; Smyth, VI, 28).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1773. April 6. London.

Did all he could to serve Mrs. [Patience] Wright, but somehow or other he displeased her of late and she does not now come near him. Condoles with her on the loss of their friend Mr. David Hall. His old friends so drop off that he is afraid, when he comes home, he will find himself a stranger in his own country. Is pleased with the accounts of her kingbird [Benjamin Franklin Bache]. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson and Polly send their love, Sally her duty, she is to be married and leave us next week. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 86.**

To **Dean [Richard] Woodward.** 1773. April 10. London.

Possibility of abolishing slavery in America. Influence of the English merchants with the Government. Ships transporting convicts to America. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 62.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 42; Bigelow, V, 128; Smyth, VI, 39).

To **William Deane.** 1773. April 11. London.

A new carriage wheel. Heard that some person has discovered a new moving power; asks him if he knows anything of the application of this power. Has completed his stove which consumes its own smoke. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 63.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 383; Bigelow, V, 129; Smyth, VI, 40).

To [Barbeu] **Dubourg.** 1773. May 28. London.

Will forward what remarks he has made when he finishes examining the rest of the sheets. Is obliged to him for proposing to insert the letter as written from Dubourg to Franklin. Remarks on the papers relating to the powder magazine. Wishes that some chemist with a knowledge of electricity, would work on glass with Dubourg's views, this would prevent misunderstandings and contradictory sentiments when the same experiments are performed by different persons. Cause for the breaking of the glass bottles when highly charged in the Leyden experiment. His globe, that could not be excited, is of a different composition from the other glass. Dubourg's Para Tonnerre. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 64.**

To [Jean Baptiste] **Le Roy.** 1773. June 22. London.

Hospitals. Effect of fresh air on diseases. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 65.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 385; Bigelow, V, 151; Smyth, VI, 59).

To **M.** [Jean] **Rozier.** 1773. June 22. London.

Thanks him for his polite letter and the present of his valuable collection. Has purchased of M. Magalhaens [John Hyacinth Magellan] all the numbers of small form. Thinks it must prove a useful work in science and wishes it success. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 66.**

To [Barbeu] **Dubourg.** 1773. June 29. London.

A list of errata in the French translation of the Works of Franklin. The causes of taking cold. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 67.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VI, 387; Bigelow, V, 153; Smyth, VI, 61).

To **Dr.** [Matthew] **Maty.** 1773. July 1. London.

Mr. [John] Walsh intended to draw up an account of the numerous experiments on the torpedo, but his other avocation has not permitted him to execute it. Has lately received permission to lay before the [Royal] Society what Mr. [John] Walsh had communicated to him. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 68.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 72).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1773. July 15. London.

Account of articles he sends her. Congratulates her on Sally [Bache]'s safe delivery of another son, hopes he proves another pleasure to her. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 87.**

To **[Jonathan Shipley], The Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.** 1773. August 21. London.

Sends him a Boston newspaper in which his sermon is advertised. His sermon is universally received with great approbation and wonder. The Speaker of the Massachusetts Assembly says it is much liked, as it discovers a Catholic spirit and sentiments very favorable in regard to America. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 69a.**

To ——— **Burdett.** 1773. August 21. London.

Thinks he would be a great acquisition to the Colonies if he could remove there, but doubts the Colonies being able to bear the expense. Would be glad to be informed where he could see some samples of printing in imitation of painting. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 69b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 113).

To **[John Cuthbert].** 1773. August 28. London.

Received and sent the coal-mine drawings to France; hopes they are not too late to be of use to M. [Jean François Clément] Morand, who, in despair of receiving them, thought of publishing his book without them. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **III, 160½.**

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1773. September 1. London.

Death of Dr. [Cadwalader] Evans. Fears that when he returns home, he will find himself a stranger. Her god-daughter Amelia Evans, who was married to a Capt. Barry of a ship in the Turkish trade, returned from Africa; Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson and he dined with her and her husband. Mrs. Barry's children. A new translation of his book, being the third edition in French; to this a print of him has been prefixed which has so French a countenance that she would take him for one of that lively nation. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLVI(ii), 88.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VIII, 117; Bigelow, V, 213; Smyth, VI, 118)

To [**John**] **Baskerville.** 1773. September 21. London.

Sale of printers' types. Sheet of Chinese paper. Asks him whether he should purchase any matrices for him from Rumford and James's foundries. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 70.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 87; Bigelow, V, 222; Smyth, VI, 125).

To [**Thomas Percival**].

1773. September 25. West Wycombe, Seat of Lord le Despencer.

Benefits and manner of taking the census every year in China. The amazing number of deaths in Manchester due to the unwholesomeness of the manufacturing life. Moist air not unwholesome. Healthiness of the inhabitants of Bermuda, St. Helena, etc. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 73.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 402; Bigelow, V, 235; Smyth, VI, 138).

To **Dr.** [**J.**] **Ingen Housz.** 1773. September 30. London.

Hopes to leave England next May or June. Sir W[illiam] Hamilton writes from Naples that he has not been able to perceive any certain signs of electricity in the torpedo. Magnetic needle. Nairne's electric machine. Electric rods for the powder magazine at Purfleet. Mr. [Benjamin] Wilson objects to pointed rods. Received a spy glass from M. Tremont, an ingenious young Italian. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 72.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 406; Bigelow, V, 237; Smyth, VI, 141).

To [**Henry Sampson**] **Woodfall.** [1773. September ?]

If he should think fit to give the enclosed [Rules for Reducing a Great Empire] a place in his paper, he should take care that the compositor observes strictly the italicizing, capitalizing and the pointing. Requests him to let the enclosed appear in the P[ublic] A[dvertiser] as soon as he can, conveniently. [It appeared in October, 1773.] A. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 4.**

To **The Public Advertiser.** [1773. September.]

Rules by which a great empire may be reduced to a small one. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **L(ii), 4.**

Printed in The Public Advertiser, Oct., 1773, also as a pamphlet, 16 p., 8 vo., London, 1793, and in Works (Sparks, IV, 387; Bigelow, V, 223; Smyth, VI, 127).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1773. October 6. London.

Must stay another winter in England, but nothing shall prevent his return in the spring. His health continues but cannot expect it much longer, which makes him the more anxious to be where he would choose to die. Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson's grandchildren. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 89.**

To ——— ———. 1773. October 13. London.

Relative to the marriage with one's deceased wife's sister. Can see no political or moral objection to it. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 31.**

To [———, **an Engraver**]. 1773. November 3. London.

Art of engraving on chinaware. Will not contest the honor for the copper-plate engravings for earthenware. Use of the art in teaching moral lessons. Mr. [Joseph] Banks is preparing to publish the Botanical Discoveries of his voyage. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 74.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 94; Bigelow, V, 249; Smyth, VI, 149).

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1773.]

Relative to the cure of rheumatism by electricity. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLVI(i), 23.**

To **Lord** ———. [1773?]

Looked over that part of Dr. [Joseph] Priestley's work containing an account of his experiments and found a great number of them, mostly quite new, some very curious and important, and therefore well deserving the honor of the [Royal] Society's [Copley?] medal. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 22.**

To ——— ———. 1773. London.

States what should be done with writers who try to widen the breach between the Colonies or with those who are nurtured in revolutionary principles. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 11.**

Advertisement. 1773.

Relating to the choice of proper Psalms. Written for the "Abridgment of the Book of Common Prayer." A. Mem. 2 p. **L(ii), 8.**

Preface to the Abridgment of the Book of Common Prayer. 1773.

(Incomplete.) A. Diss. 4 p. **L(ii), 6.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 207, Note; Bigelow, V, 274; Smyth, VI, 165).

Memorandum. 1773.

Note in the "Abridgment of the Book of Common Prayer" under the first page of the catechism, that it is not so well adapted to the capacities of children as might be wished and therefore only those plain answers which express their duty towards God and their neighbors are retained. A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 7.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 211, Note, first paragraph; Bigelow, V, 279, last paragraph; Smyth, VI, 170, second paragraph).

To **The Royal Society.** [1773.]

Relative to the Committee's report on pointed conductors for the magazines at Purfleet. Mr. [Benjamin] Wilson's criticism. Advantages of the pointed rods. Conditions under which pointed rods are not essential. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 4 p. **L(ii), 15.**

To [**Barbeu Dubourg.** *Circa* 1773.]?

Corrections of a text on electricity. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **XLVI(i), 70, 71.**

To **The Editor of ———.** *Circa* 1773.

As the bare letter of a Governor of one of the Provinces, accusing the people of rebellious intentions is looked upon as sufficient ground for inflicting penalties on such Provinces, without hearing anything from the defense, he requests him to give to the public the extract of the pamphlet which was written at the time of their last year's disputes, by one who lived long in America, knew the people and their affairs very well. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 9.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1773.]

Relative to the power of the Crown to make void laws presented for its approval. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 29.**

To [**Richard**] **Bache.** 1774. February 17. London.

Has been displaced from office. Proposes to return home next May. Sends a number of boxes of printing letters which he purchased exceedingly cheap. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 75.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 193).

To [**Joseph**] **Galloway.** 1774. February 18. London.

Acts of the Pennsylvania Assembly. Duty on tea. Hutchinson letters. Indecent treatment he received at the hands of the Privy Council. Wishes a Constitution was formed and settled for America. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 76a.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Sparks, VIII, 115; Bigelow, V, 314; in full, Smyth, VI, 194).

To **Tho[ma]s Foxcroft.** 1774. February 18. London.

Received his account. Thanks him for ordering the six barrels of flour. Tea ship arrived having a very short passage. Wrote to his family to receive no more payments, being displaced from office. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 76b.**

To **Rich[ar]d Nicholls Colden, Esq.** 1774. February 18. London.

Received his bills and has given credit for them to the General Post Office; begs that the account may be sent punctually that he may settle them before he leaves England, which is now necessary as he is no longer in office. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 76c.**

To **J[ames] Kinsey and T. P. Hewlings,** Burlington. 1774. February 18. London.

Sends them the Act for settling their boundary between their Province and New York. The obstruction in America to the importation of tea has occasioned great resentment; violent measures are apprehended. Sends his respects to the Assembly. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 77.**

To **R[obert] Strettel Jones and Josiah Hewes.** 1774. February 18. London.

Received their letter and immediately ordered the books. The new edition of the Encyclopedia may be expected in about two years. Received the catalogue. Glad the Library [Company of Philadelphia] is satisfactorily situated. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 78.**

To **Abel James and Benjamin Morgan.**
1774. February 18. London.

Accepted the draft and will duly pay it. Happy to find that his small services have been acceptable to the Society [for promoting the Culture of Silk]. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 79.**

To [**John**] **Foxcroft.** 1774. February 18. London.

Hopes nothing he has written has occasioned any coolness. Although no longer colleagues, he begs that they part in friendship. Displaced unwillingly by his masters who were obliged to comply with the orders of the Ministry. Proposes coming home next May. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 80.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 197).

To [**Edward**] **Antill.** 1774. February 18. London.

Was displaced from office before he had an opportunity of answering his letter, which puts it out of his power to do him any service in what he proposed; will speak to Mr. [Henry] Potts concerning his letter and acquaint him with the result. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 81.**

To **Marquis de Condorcet.** 1774. March 20. London.

Answers his questions about America. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 82.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 411; Bigelow, V, 341; Smyth, VI, 221).

To **Père** [**Giambatista**] **Beccaria.** 1774. March 20. London.

Mr. [John] Walsh discovered that vacuum resists the passage of the electric fluid. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 83.**

Printed in Works (in part Sparks, VI, 413; Bigelow, V, 343; entire letter, Smyth, VI, 225).

To **Mrs.** [**Deborah**] **Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1774. May 5. London.

His family in England is in great distress. Mrs. [Mary] Hewson has lost her husband and Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson her son-in-law. Distress of the family. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 90.**

To **Thomas Cushing.** 1774. June 1. London.

Massachusetts affairs. Lord Chatham blamed the Americans for destroying the tea, but condemns the measures taken in Parliament in consequence thereof. Is obliged to remain in England a little longer. Has been displaced from office. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 84.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 122; Bigelow, V, 354; Smyth, VI, 231).

To **Tho[ma]s Cushing.** 1774. June 30. London.

Will send him all the perfected Acts lately passed relating to the Province. Sends copies of two more letters of Mr. Hutchinson. The Chancery suit goes on against him. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 85.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, V, 356).

To **Dr. [Benjamin] Rush.** 1774. July 22. London.

Thought it best to postpone Dr. Rush's publication until after his election to the [Royal] Society; should the article be published before his election, Dr. Franklin fears it might prejudice some votes against him. Dr. North's apparatus for the making of Pyrmont water. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 86.**

Printed, in part, in Works (Smyth, VI, 235).

To **The Rev. [Thomas] Coombe.** 1774. July 22. London.

Bishop of St. Asaph's speech. Sends him the "Heroic Postscript," a poem, the author of which is unknown. Use of eloquence in a preacher. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 87.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 124; Bigelow, V, 356; Smyth, VI, 233).

To **Mr. [Richard] Bache.** 1774. July 22. London.

Has had no line from him. Capt. [Nathaniel] Falconer put the casks of type in his cellar, not knowing for whom they were; asks him to get them and store them with the rest. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 88.**

To **[Mrs. Deborah Franklin].** 1774. July 22. London.

Has not received a line from her, but flatters himself it is not owing to indisposition. Mrs. [Amelia] Barry, daughter of Lewis Evans, and Mrs. Franklin's god-daughter, who married the Captain of a ship in the Levant trade, is now again at Tunis, where she has lately lain-in of her third child. Her father was a geographer, and his daughter

has now some connection with the whole globe; being born herself in America and having her first child in Asia, her second in Europe, and now her third in Africa. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 89.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 125; Bigelow, V, 358; Smyth, VI, 234).

To **[William Franklin].** 1774. September 7. London.

Decided to stay in England until he learns the result of the first Congress. Thinks the Bostonians ought not to pay for the tea that was destroyed. Death of Sir W[illiam] Johnson. Asks him to request Mr. [James] Kinsey to acknowledge to Mr. [James] Parker, the receipt of the Boundary Act. A Spanish war is seriously apprehended. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 91.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 130; Bigelow, V, 359; Smyth, VI, 239).

To **James Parker.** 1774. September 7. London.

Informs him he was directed by a letter from Messrs. Kinsey and Hewlings to solicit the Royal confirmation of the Act for the establishment of the division line [between New Jersey and New York]. Sent those gentlemen authenticated copies. Will obtain a copy for Mr. [James] Parker should he deem it necessary, although the expense is very large. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 90.**

To **[Joseph] Galloway.** 1774. September 7. London.

Great expectation of the result of the appointed Congress both among friends and enemies. If the Colonies declare and resolve their rights and confederate not to use British goods till they are acknowledged and confirmed, they will carry their point. The Ministry must be disbanded and the late Acts repealed. A war with Spain is apprehended. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 92.**

To **Peter Timothy.** 1774. September 7. London.

The success of the Congress depends upon the unanimity and firmness of its members. The Ministry must give way. Intends remaining in England another winter. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 93.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 131; Bigelow, V, 361; Smyth, VI, 243).

To **[John] Foxcroft.** 1774. September 7. London.

There is a good deal of uneasiness at the office concerning the delay of the accounts. Mr. [Anthony] Todd showed him a letter which

he sent to Mr. [John] Foxcroft. Urges him to pay attention to the contents if he values the continuance of his appointment. Thinks some person is ready to step into his shoes. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 94.**

To **[The Provincial Council of New Jersey]. Samuel Tucker, Jno. Mehelm, Robt. Friend Price, Henry Paxson and Ja[me]s Kinsey [Committee].** 1774. September 7. London.

The Acts of the Assembly for which he is to obtain the Royal approbation. Hopes to receive copies of the Acts and also the votes. Unanimity and firmness in Congress will do everything for them. Will inform them of any measures that may affect the liberties of America. War with Spain apprehended. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 95.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 242).

To **Mrs. [Deborah] Franklin,** Philadelphia. 1774. September 10. London.

Has not received a line from her for the last nine months; censures her for not writing. Continues well and hopes to hear the same from her. Recommends Mr. Westley to her civilities. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLVI(ii), 91.**

To **[The Provincial Council of New Jersey]. Samuel Tucker, Jno. Mehelm, Robt. Friend Price, Henry Paxson and Ja[me]s Kinsey [Committee].** 1774. October 12. London.

Officers of the Plantation Board as well as its members are out of town; nothing can be done in regard to the late Acts until their return. A dissolution [of Parliament] has taken place which was very sudden and unexpected. Cause for this dissolution. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 96.**

To **Jos[eph] Galloway.** 1774. October 12. London.

Election of a new Parliament. Lord Percy's friends published a letter of his expressing that he is on good terms with the people of Boston. The Court persists in its severe measures against America. His situation in England hazardous. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (Incomplete.) **XLV, 97.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 138; Bigelow, V, 370; Smyth, VI, 252).

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1774.]

When we see how easily the Nation is moved by party writers and declaimers, how its mind is easily changed to purposes directly contrary by a pamphlet or a protest, how can we resolve to submit to its Government without check or without being represented. Will submit only when we can no longer resist. A. Dr. of Diss. (Incomplete.) 1 p. **L(ii), 50.**

True State of the Proceedings in the Parliament of Great Britain and in the Province of Massachusetts Bay. [1774.]

Relative to the giving and granting the money of the people of that Province, and all America in the House of Commons in which they are not represented. Diss. 12 p. (Incomplete.) **LVIII, 129.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IV, 466).

To **The Printer of the Public Ledger.** [1774.]

On the causes of the existing bad feelings between England and America. A. Dr. of L. S. "A Londoner." 4 p. **L(i), 8.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 214).

To **Tho[ma]s Cushing.** 1775. January 28. London.

Lord Chatham's motion for conciliatory measures rejected. More troops sent to America. Petitions to restore the commerce with America are daily arriving. The petition from the Congress was brought into each House without any particular recommendation from His Majesty that they should be considered. From one of General Gates's letters it appears that Lord Dartmouth advised him to disarm some of the Colonies by force. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 99.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 140; Bigelow, V, 426; Smyth, VI, 301).

To **Dr. [Josiah] Tucker, Dean of Gloucester.** 1775. February 10. London.

Begs to be informed whether his of the 26th of February, 1774, came to hand. A. Dr. of N. S. 1 p. **XLV, 100.**

To **[The Provincial Council of New Jersey, Samuel Tucker** *et al.* **Committee].** 1775. February 14. London.

All their Acts of March last are likely to pass the Board of Trade except those for lowering the interest of money and for the relief of

an insolvent debtor. Petitions are being received from all parts praying that commerce be restored. Both Houses have addressed the King declaring a rebellion to be in Massachusetts; more troops are about to be sent thither. A bill is preparing to deprive the four New England Colonies of their fisheries. Lord Chatham's plan for conciliation was rejected by the Lords. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 101.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 307).

To **[Joseph Galloway].** 1775. February 25. London.

Plan of union sent by Galloway to England. It is hinted that Mr. Galloway and Mr. [John] Jay are friends of the Ministry, Dr. Franklin does not believe it. Objections to a union. Preliminary articles to be agreed upon before such a plan should be adopted. Lord North's proposal meant to divide rather than to unite the Colonies. A. Dr. of L. S. 4 p. **XLV, 102.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 144; Bigelow, V, 435; Smyth, VI, 311).

To **The Earl of Dartmouth.** 1775. [March 16.] London.

Protests against the blockading of Boston harbor and the pending Acts for depriving that Province of fishing rights. (In duplicate.) A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 98 and 103.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 79; Bigelow, V, 529; Smyth, VI, 397).

To **Mr. ———.** 1775. March 17. London.

Is about to embark to America, and requests him to omit purchasing the Theatrum Machinarium if he had not already done so; has an offer of a set in London. Informs him that if he has purchased it, his draft will be paid by Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson. Proposes to return in October. Presents his respects to the Prince. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 105.**

To **Mr. [Anthony] Todd.** 1775. March 18. London.

Sends extracts from letters from Mr. [John] Foxcroft to Dr. Franklin, to show what reason Dr. Franklin had to suppose the accounts might have been settled. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLV, 104.**

To **D[avid] Hartley.** 1775. May 6. Philadelphia.

Arrived last night and learned that there is the most perfect unanimity throughout the Colonies. Introduces Capt. Falconer. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 105½.**

To **[Thomas] Bradford.** 1775. May 16. Philadelphia.

Applies to Mr. Bradford in behalf of a clergyman who is supposed to have spoken some disrespectful words of him; claims they are greatly misrepresented; hopes he will find the offense not to require such marks of resentment as may be misconstrued in England. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 106.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 402).

To **The Earl of Chatham** *et al.* [1775. May.] ?

Thanks by The [Continental] Congress to the Earl of Chatham, Edmund Burke, David Hartley, and the Bishop of St. Asaph, for their efforts in behalf of America. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **L(i), 22.**

To **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin,** Amboy, N. J. 1775. June 13. Philadelphia.

Advises the proper use of his youthful opportunities to get knowledge. Has sent part of his baggage to Amboy. Family news. A. L. S. 3 p. **LXIX, 2.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 405).

To **Mr. [John] Sargent.** 1775. June 27. Philadelphia.

Asks him to keep the money which will be given to him by Messrs. Brown & Collinson. Fears his American property, which consists of houses in seaport towns, may be burnt by Great Britain. America will give England one more opportunity for recovering her affections and retaining the connection. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 108b.**

To **Messrs. Brown and Collinson.** 1775. June 27. Philadelphia.

Requests them to pay the balance of his account to John Sargent, whose receipt will be their discharge. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 108c.**

To **Mrs. [Margaret] Stevenson.** 1775. July 17. Philadelphia.

Finds no convenience of putting out her money in America, and has concluded to return it. Sends an order for £260. Advises her what to do with her money. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 108a.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 411).

To [**Joseph Priestley**]. 1775. October 3. Philadelphia.

Sets out for the camp to-morrow. Asks him to tell Dr. [Richard] Price that America is determined and unanimous, and to calculate how long it will take the British to kill all the Americans and conquer their whole territory, from the statistics he gives. L. S. 2 p. (Copy in French.) **XLV, 36c.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 429).

To [**Charles Guillaume Frederick**] **Dumas.**
1775. December 9. Philadelphia.

Sending £200 as compensation for his services and to defray the expenses of his mission. Promise that his services will always be recognized and rewarded by Congress. 1 p. (Copy.) **LIII, 19a.**

Efforts of France and England to Destroy Civil Liberty.
[*Circa* 1775.]

A. Dr. of Diss. 1 p. **L(i), 15.**

Proposed Resolution of the Continental Congress. [*Circa* 1775.]

Since America aided Great Britain in conquering Canada and Louisiana, and has not been given any consideration for it, resolved that, in case such satisfaction is refused, all lands in America claimed by the Crown and all quit rents unpaid to the same, shall be considered as liable to an appropriation for that purpose. Advise all persons not to pay quit rents and not to purchase lands from the Crown till such satisfaction shall be made. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **L(ii), 52.**

Protest of the Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania Against the Proposed Inequality of the Votes in Congress, and Dissent to the Articles of Confederation for that Reason.
[1776. July.]

A. Dr. of D. 2 p. **L(i), 35.**

Printed in Journals of the Continental Congress, Vol. V, 1776, p. 554, Note (Washington, 1906).

Proposed Resolution of the Continental Congress. [1776. July.] ?

Draft of a motion to shut up all custom houses in the Colonies from and after July 20, 1776; to discharge the officers of the same,

and to open all the ports to the ships of every state of Europe that will admit their commerce and protect it; resolve to support this freedom of commerce for two years and as long after as the late Acts of Parliament for restricting the commerce and fisheries shall continue unrepealed. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **L(ii), 45.**

To **Lord** [**Howe?**]. 1776. August 20. Philadelphia.

The temper of the Colonies as professed in the several petitions was sincere; the terms they proposed should have been closed with and all might have been peace. The contempt with which the petitions were treated and the cruel measures since taken have changed that temper. To propose submission to the Crown would now be fruitless. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 110.**

To **Lord Howe.** 1776. September 8. Philadelphia.

Cause for not answering sooner. Concerning an interview requested by his Lordship. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 111.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 187; Bigelow, VI, 30; Smyth, VI, 462).

To **William Temple Franklin,** Perth Amboy, N. J.
1776. September 19. Philadelphia.

Thinks it not advisable for him to go at this time to his father. Will send clothing by first opportunity. Attempt of Benny [Benjamin Franklin Bache] at letter-writing. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXIX, 3.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 467).

To **William Temple Franklin,** Perth Amboy.
1776. September 22. Philadelphia.

Reasons for not wishing him to take the journey to his father. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 4.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VI, 468).

To **William Temple Franklin,** Perth Amboy.
1776. September 28. Philadelphia.

Has an advantageous offering for him if he returns immediately. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXIX, 5.**

To [**Juliana Ritchie.**] 1777. January 19. Paris.

His precaution against spies. The various conjectures concerning his business do not harm him; does not think it necessary that he should take the least pains to rectify them. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p.

XLV, 112.

Printed in Works (Bigelow, VI, 54; Smyth, VII, 11).

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **The F[armers]-G[eneral].** [*Circa* 1777. January.]

Cannot treat for all the tobacco that may arrive in France, as a great part will come on account of private merchants, to discharge debts. Whatever contracts they make concerning tobacco, in order to obtain immediate supplies for the armies of the Congress, will be executed. Considering the lowness of the price of tobacco, they do not think their proposal that the Farmers-General should be at a risk of transporting the goods, to be unreasonable. The English carried on the trade on the same conditions. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 67.**

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **The F[armers]-G[eneral].** [*Circa* 1777. January.]

There is no place in which all the tobacco is collected for transportation. It is brought to the public magazines of the Inspectors for each District. Are willing that Congress shall procure receipts for 20,000 hogsheads of tobacco lodged in the magazines and that the ships of the Farmers-General may take it, as the British ships used to do. Price of the tobacco and the manner and condition on which they are to take it. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 68.**

Agreement between the American Commissioners and [Col. Deshays De] la Radière. 1777. February 17. Paris.

Relative to his entering the service of the United States. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin, of D. 1 p. **L(i), 50.**

Memorandum. 1777. February 17.

Agreement concerning the employment of Duportail, de Laumoy, and de Gouvion in the American service. Dr. of D. 4 p. (In English and French.) **LIII, 33.**

To [**The Farmers-General**]. 1777. February 26.

The American Commissioners cannot accept the price offered by the Farmers-General nor make any change in their last proposition. A. D. (by Franklin). 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 113a.**

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **M. Paulze.** 1777. March 17. [Passy.]

Have considered the proposition of the Farmers-General. Are willing to agree to the articles proposed but with an additional proviso regarding the eventual cost of the tobacco to both parties. A. Dr. of L. (by Franklin). 2 p. **XLV, 113c.**

Agreement between the American Commissioners and the Farmers-General. 1777. March 24.

Copy of contract or agreement between the American Commissioners and the Farmers-General, represented by M. Paulze, by which the former agree to purchase in the American Colonies and deliver to the Farmers-General in France a certain quantity of tobacco at a fixed price per pound to be paid by the Farmers-General. D. S. 3 p. (In French. Copy.) **XLV, 114.**

Memorandum. 1777. May 30. Charleville.

Agreement between the American Commissioners and ——— Mercier with reference to the repairing of arms and weapons of warfare. Mem. 3 p. (In French.) **LVII, 58.**

To **Gen[eral] Washington.** 1777. June 21. Paris.

Introducing M. de Bretigny, Captain of Infantry, who brings nine officers to America at his own expense. Names of officers given. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **LXII, 10.**

To [**The Secretary of the Royal Medical Society of Paris.** 1777. June. Passy.]

Received the copies of the Charter and the tickets which he sent him in behalf of the Royal Society [of Medicine]. Is extremely sensible of the honor they did him in placing him at the head of their foreign members. Will not fail to attend the meeting of the 20th instant to which he is invited. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 54.**

To **The Ship "Harmony."** 1777. August 29. Paris.

Passport. D. S. B[enjamin] Franklin, Silas Deane. 1 p. **LXXIV, 93.**

To **The Ship "Capricieuse.** 1777. August 29. Paris.

Passport. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 94.**

Contract between the American Commissioners and Rey de Morande. 1777. October 31.

For the purchase and delivery in America of 180 cannon of various sizes, the purchase price to be paid in tobacco by the Continental Congress. D. S. Rey de Morande, B[enjamin] Franklin, Silas Deane, Arthur Lee. 2 p. **LIII, 55.**

To [**A. M. Hevin de**] **Navarre and** [**François Antoine,**] **Baron de Seyffertit.** 1777. December 4. Passy.

Has no authority from Congress to entertain officers for their service, except a few engineers and officers of the artillery who are long since gone. All others who have passed to America have gone at their own expense and contrary to his advice. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **LXII, 88.**

To **M. Goudeman.** 1777. December 10. Passy.

M. [Antoine Félix] Wuibert one of his countrymen and as such may depend on the same care and pains to procure his liberty as for any other the most favored of our people; hundreds are in the same situation; England has rejected, with insolence, all proposals for exchange of prisoners. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **VII, 136.**

A Dialogue between Britain, France, Spain, Holland, Saxony and America. [1777.]

A humorous paper relative to the political affairs of the several countries at the beginning of the American Revolution. 4 p. A. [?] copy. **L(i), 3.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, V, 116; Bigelow, VI, 118; Smyth, VII, 82).

To **M. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1777.]

Asking for M. Hennet's address. A. N. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 77.**

Cipher Code. [*Circa* 1777.]

A. Dr. of D. 4 p. **L(i), 24.**

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **Louis Le Bègue du Portail.** [1777?]

Gives the four conditions made by M. Duportail which the Commissioners grant. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LXII, 104.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1777.] Passy.

Is glad that so many brave soldiers in Europe have offered their services to his country. Thanks him for his intentions and is grateful for the verses sent. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 33.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1777.]

Would like to know French well enough to appreciate fully the merit of his verses. Received from M. Brillon the gift he sent and thanks him for it. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 34.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1777.] Passy.

Congratulations on learning of his marriage. Regrets he cannot personally make their acquaintance. Dr. by Le Ray de Chaumont of L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 131.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1777.]

Acknowledging the author's beautiful poem, with the flattering mention of himself contained therein. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **LVIII, 77.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1777.]

Thanks for verses. Is not proficient enough in French to fully appreciate their worth, but is grateful for the sentiments expressed about his country and himself. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 35, 36, 37.**

Exercises in French. [*Circa* 1777.]

Translation of a chapter from the Bible—Abraham and the stranger. A. Dr. of Mem. 11 p. (In French.) **L(i), 11.**

To **M. Rolandeau.** 1778. January 4. Paris.

Can not otherwise give an order for his passage gratis than by giving an order to their correspondent to pay the money on Franklin's account, and that should not reasonably be expected. Thinks that as he left the service of the States without leave, he should bear the whole expense of the voyage. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 115.**

To **[Ralph] Izard.** 1778. January 29. Passy.

Until he can see him submits to remain under the opinion he has formed not only of his poor understanding in the general interests of America, but of his defects in sincerity, politeness, and attention to his instructions. Offers him a maxim which may be of use in preventing imaginary hurts. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 116.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 229; Bigelow, VI, 124; Smyth, VII, 97).

Memorandum. [1778. January.]

Outline of letters to be written. A. Mem. 2 p. **L(ii), 48.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane** *to* **[Conrad Alexandre] Gérard [de Rayneval].** 1778. February 1. Passy.

Mr. [Arthur] Lee has changed his sentiments regarding Article 12. Owing to the importance of unanimity they suggest that Articles 11 and 12 be omitted in the Treaty of Commerce. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin of L. 1 p. **VIII, 85b.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane** *to* **Arthur Lee.** 1778. February 1. Passy.

Informing him of their request to M. Gérard [de Rayneval] to omit the 12th Article, although not concurring in his view of it. A. Dr. of L. in Franklin's hand. **VIII, 85c.**

Printed in R. H. Lee's Life of Arthur Lee, Boston, 1829, I, 128.

To **Prince Mostowski.** 1778. February 3. Passy

Will be pleased to receive his visit at the time proposed. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French and English.) **LXX, 2.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane** *to* **Arthur Lee.**
1778. February 15. Paris.

Two drafts of a letter (only one of which was sent) acquainting Mr. Lee that they are ready to consult with him, whenever he pleases, upon any circumstance relative to the despatches. A. Dr. of L. in Franklin's hand. 1 p. **VIII, 113a.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane** *to* **Arthur Lee.**
1778. February 26. Passy.

Necessity of acquainting the Court immediately with the return of their despatches; Mr. Lee was not consulted as the case seemed a plain one, and any delay dangerous; thinks Mr. Deane deserves his thanks, and neither of them merit his condemnation. A. Dr. of L. by Dr. Franklin. 2 p. **VIII, 133a.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and Silas Deane** *to* **Arthur Lee.**
1778. February 28. Passy.

The treaties [with France] are being copied in French and English; no desire to postpone Mr. Lee's proposition, only two things cannot be done at once; believe the convoy to have sailed. A. Dr. of L. by Dr. Franklin. 1 p. **VIII, 140a.**

To **W[illia]m Lee.** 1778. March 2. Passy.

Should have separated the papers relating to the House of Willing and Morris from those relating to the business of the Committee. Sees no necessity of Franklin being concerned in opening the trunk that contains those papers. If Mr. Lee chooses, on his departure for Germany, he will take care of the trunk [containing the papers of Mr. Thomas Morris] sealed until he receives orders to deliver it up, but otherwise declines to meddle with it. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 117.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 115).

To **W[illia]m Lee.** 1778. March 6. Passy.

Returns the keys; wishes Mr. Lee's brother to keep them during his stay in France. Will have no hand in the appointment of his nephew, Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.,] as Agent in one of the ports. Did not advise the delivery to himself of the trunk [containing the papers of Mr. Thomas Morris]; said he had no objection to receive it, if Mr. Lee chose to leave it with him sealed. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 118.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 116).

To **Mme. Brillon.** [1778.] March 10. Passy.

Hailing with delight his lovely confessor; pleads guilty of coveting his neighbor's wife whenever he is with her; asks for instruction in meeting this particular temptation. A. Dr. of L. 3 p.

XLIII, 19½.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 311.

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **Ralph Izard.** 1778. March 10. Passy.

As soon as any treaties are completed, and it is in their power to do so, will comply with his request; they will be happy to confer with him at his pleasure. A. Dr. by Benjamin Franklin of L. 1 p. **VIII, 152a.**

To [**Arthur Lee**]. 1778. March 17. Passy.

Has not made use of the offer of Mr. Beaumann, of Bordeaux, to carry his despatches, not knowing what confidence may be placed in the Captains of their packets. Concerning bills drawn by Congress on the Commissioners. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 119.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 248; Bigelow, VI, 145; Smyth, VII, 121).

To **Ralph Izard.** 1778. March 30. Passy.

Will not give the man the pass to Italy. Prevented giving Mr. Izard the satisfaction he wishes, by much and very important business; reasons why Mr. Izard received no answer to his letter of the 5th inst. Condoles with him on the Charleston fire. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p.

VIII, 204a.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 250).

To [**Arthur Lee**]. 1778. April 1. Passy.

Reply to his charge of negligence or unfaithfulness. Settlement of the Commissioners' accounts. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 120.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 256; Bigelow, VI, 154; Smyth, VII, 129).

To **A[rthur] Lee.** 1778. April 3. Passy.

Reason for not answering some of his letters. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

XLV, 121.

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 132).

To **A[rthur] Lee.** 1778. April 4. Passy.

France has a right to send as Ministers whom it pleases, without their approbation. Mr. Lee's extraordinary conduct in regard to the personal intercourse of the Commissioners. Settlement of the accounts. Reply to the charge of being inconsistent with his duty to the public. Cause for not answering some of his letters. A. Dr. of L. 7 p.

XLV, 122.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 257; Bigelow, VI, 155; Smyth, VII, 132).

To **[Arthur Lee].** 1778. April 6. Passy.

Regarding orders given to Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, Jr., for a large quantity of clothing; the discharge of drafts. A. Dr. of L. 2 p.

XLV, 123.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 265; Bigelow, VI, 162; Smyth, VII, 136).

To **Sir James Jay.** 1778. April 17, 18. Passy.

Draft of three letters, resenting Jay's lack of confidence in the Commissioners. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **LXI, 60.**

From **[Benjamin] Franklin, [Arthur] Lee and [John] Adams** *to* **Comte de Vergennes.** [1778.] May 6. Passy.

Are extremely sensible of his good offices in obtaining the King's orders relating to the presentation of Mr. Adams to His Majesty. Will do themselves the honor of waiting on His Exellency on the day agreeable to his obliging invitation. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p.

XLVI(i), 10.

From **[Benjamin] Franklin and [John] Adams** *to* **M. and Mme. Lafreté.** [1778.] May 9. Passy.

Engaged for to-morrow and every other day next week; but will do themselves the honor of dining at Surêne on Monday the 18th, if convenient to them. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 11.**

To **[Arthur Lee].** 1778. May 17. Passy.

His reasons for not signing Mr. Lee's letter [XLV, 124b, page 511] to Mr. Grand the American banker. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 2 p.

XLV, 124a.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 272; Bigelow, VI, 176; Smyth, VII, 154).

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **[Ferdinand] Grand.** 1778. May 17. Passy.

Desiring Mr. Grand to accept no bills without the joint order of the Commissioners, and to forward to them all letters that come to him addressed to Mr. Deane. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 124b.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 272, Note; Bigelow, VI, 176, Note 1; Smyth, VII, 154, Note 1).

To ——— **Le Roy,** Cherbourg. 1778. May. Passy.

Thinks the produce of Capt. [John] Burnell's prizes never came to their hands, but was paid to Mr. [Joshua] Johnson or to Mr. [William] Carmichael for Mr. Johnson who resides at Nantes and is concerned for the owners. Capt. Burnell should apply to Mr. Johnson. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 125.**

To **Capt. Sainneville.** 1778. June 23. Passy.

Thanks him for the kind care of his letters and packets. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 126.**

Printed in Works (Smyth VII, 163).

To [**A. Borel.** 1778. June 24. Passy.]

Objects to the proposed engraving on the score of its being too flattering; advises placing a senator in Roman dress in the picture instead of a portrait of himself [Franklin]; desires to have it dedicated to Congress and not to himself. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 127.**

The same. 2 p. (In French by Jean Baptiste Le Roy.) **XLII, 182.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 277; Bigelow, VI, 185; Smyth, VII, 163).

To **Chevalier de Champigny.** 1778. July 24. Passy.

Gave him two or three guineas for which he was to receive the History of England when written; received two volumes of that history, and four volumes of histories of Sweden and Denmark, which he never desired. Requests him to send his correspondent to receive back the six volumes of different histories. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 128.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1778. July.]

To prove that she does not really love him, narrates the story of a Bishop who refused alms to a beggar but was willing to give him his

blessing. Declares that although she is as rich as an Archbishop in all moral and Christian virtues she has refused him her love, so as not to have to sacrifice the smallest particle of her virtue. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 52.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 31.

To **W[illia]m Lee.** 1778. August 13. Passy.

Is ready to deliver the trunk to him, but is unwilling to have any concern in the opening of it; or in examining or sorting the papers. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 129.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 184).

To **[Antoine Raymond Jean Gaulbert Gabriel] de Sartine.** 1778. August 18. Passy.

Regarding the exchange of prisoners. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 130.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 185).

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **Comte de Vergennes.** 1778. August 18. Passy.

By the 8th Article of the Treaty of Commerce His Majesty engaged to employ his good offices with the Emperor of Morocco and the other powers on the coast of Barbary to provide as fully as possible for the safety of the inhabitants of the United States and their vessels and effects against violence from the Barbary States. Heard that there are American vessels in Italy desiring to return home and that there are merchants in Italy desiring to enter American trade, but that an apprehension of danger from the Barbary States is a discouragement. Requests his attention to the matter. L. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 60.**

To **——— de Perygnon.** 1778. September 10. Passy.

Answers to questions on the subject of marriage in Pennsylvania. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 131.**

The Story of the Ephemera. 1778. September 20. Passy.

Another translation. Diss. 3 p. (In French.) **L(i), 39b.**

To **Ferdinand Grand.** 1778. October 14. Passy.

Obliged for being informed of Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham's misconduct. Regulations of Congress respecting privateers. A. L. S. (Incomplete.) 2 p. and Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XLV, 132a, b.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 298; Bigelow, VI, 214; Smyth, VII, 190).

To **Job Prince.** 1778. November 20. Passy.

Informs him that he may safely confide to W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin what he has to communicate to the Commissioners. Has received no account of his vessel or its destination, from Congress. Informs him that if he sends any prizes into the ports, to address them to one of the American Agents there. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 133a.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 201).

To ——— **[Le] Baron.** [1778. November 20. Passy.]

Thanks him for his readiness to serve Capt. [Job] Prince. His bills for moderate supplies will be honored. Recommends his grandson to his civilities. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 133b.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 201).

To ——— **[Le] Baron.** 1778. November 21. Passy.

Acquaints him that a person in their confidence, as desired by Capt. [Job] Prince, sets out for Dieppe with answers to his and the Captain's letters. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 134.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 202).

To **William Temple Franklin,** Dieppe. 1778. November 26. Passy.

Believes the whole a piece of roguery; wants him to return to Passy. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 135.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VII, 203).

To **Mrs. R. Parsons.** [1778. November. Passy.]

Denies having given her husband the least encouragement in his project of entering the American army; lent him fifteen guineas which he never repaid; refuses to extricate him from further difficulties. Commiserates her unhappy situation, and, as she says she has not a shilling, sends her a guinea. A. Dr. of L. S. 3 p. **XII, 102a.**

To **Jonathan Williams, Jr.** [1778. December.]

Relating to Mr. Thomas Morris's papers, and his desire to have nothing to do with them except to deliver them up at once, before witnesses. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XII, 226b.**

To **A. Sube, Laporte, and others.** [1778. December.]

Expressing thanks for the verses and a wish that the connection between France and America may be everlasting. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XII, 196½b.**

To **Madame ———.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Should certainly pay the greatest respect to the recommendation of Madame [Noailles] de la Fayette, but it is impossible for him to do what is desired for M. Rolandeau, formerly an officer in the American service. M. Rolandeau's conduct. Has been ordered by Congress to encourage no more officers to come over. Rejoices on the good news from their friends in America, and the reputation her particular friend acquired there. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 41.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1778.]

Discussion about electricity. Reply to a correspondent who had made some experiments with the Leyden jar and who differed with Franklin in his deductions. Explains the phenomena observed in his experiments with the Leyden jar. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 4 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 40.**

To **Comte de Vergennes.** [*Circa* 1778.]

With reference to a lawsuit over a vessel recaptured from the English by the American privateer "General Mifflin," Capt. [Daniel] McNeill, and brought into l'Orient as a prize. The French laws leave no doubt as to the validity of Capt. McNeill's claim. Complains of the slowness of the Courts in deciding such cases. A. Dr. by Le Ray de Chaumont of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLVIII, 72.**

To **A French Vessel.** 1778. Passy.

Passport. Dr. of D. 2 p. **LXXIV, 100.**

Story of the Ephemera (or day flies). 1778.

In the form of a letter to Mme. Brillon with an explanatory preface by the translator. Diss. Translation. 3 p. (In French.)

L(i), 39a.

Printed in Proc. of Amer. Phil. Soc., 1901, Vol. XL, 90, also in Works (Sparks, II, 177; Bigelow, VI, 237; Smyth, VII, 206).

To **Ferdinand Grand.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Relative to a complaint made against Capt. [Gustavus] Cunningham's conduct towards Spain. (First part missing.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 64.**

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1778.]

Reply to a complaint made by the Spanish Government against [Gustavus] Cunningham for his actions in seizing Spanish trading vessels. Expresses regret at his conduct on the occasion referred to and promises to lay the complaint before Congress. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. (In French by Ferdinand Grand.) **LVI(i), 73.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Humorous description of Heaven and how Franklin intends to spend his time there. Will wait for Mme. Brillon's coming. Asks her not to renew her contract there with M. Brillon but to pledge her troth to him. L. 2 p. (In French.)

Transcribed by Mme. Brillon from the original and corrected by her, with memorandum of corrections of French in Dr. Franklin's handwriting. **XLIII, 87 and 87½.**

Printed in Proc. of Amer. Philos. Soc., 1901, Vol. XL, 109, also in Putnam's Monthly, Nov., 1906, 167.

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Was very sorry not to have been able to call to see her yesterday evening. Makes a comparison to prove that he loves her "too much" and more than she loves him. (Part of letter written in an imitation of Mme. Brillon's handwriting.) A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLVI(i), 46.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 313.

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1778.]

Only sees one defect in her which consists in a kind of sentimental avariciousness or a desire to restrict and monopolize all his affection and not allow him to bestow any of it on other charming women. She

is wrong in thinking that his affection cannot be divided up amongst a number of persons without loss to herself. Maintains that esteem, admiration, respect and even affection may be extended to a number of objects. She has no right to complain, moreover, as she excludes everything material from their relations and only allows him a few polite kisses now and then, such as she might give to her young cousins. Thinks he would have more reason to complain of her harsh treatment of his affections. Does not wish to be at war with her and proposes that they sign a treaty of peace. Submits the preliminary articles for her consideration and consent. Dr. of L. 4 p. (In French.)

XLVI(i), 47.

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 313.

On the Issue of Paper Money by Congress. [*Circa* 1778.]

On the issue of paper money by Congress to the amount of one hundred millions. Simply a kind of loan with which to pay its debts that Congress was unable to do otherwise. The paper money will have to be redeemed, just as a loan, the Government will have the use of one hundred millions for a certain time without any interest charges. The paper money also promotes and helps the circulation of money in general. Mem. (in the handwriting of Le Ray de Chaumont). 1 p. (In French.) XLVI(i), 19½.

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1778.]

Address of M. Fleuri(ot)[an] de Langle, formerly an officer in the French cavalry. A. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) XLVI(i), 76.

Certificate as to the Probity of Silas Deane in the Public Service. [1778. Passy.]

Dr. of D. 2 p. LVI(i), 20.

To **Ralph Izard.** 1779. January 4. Passy.

Financial affairs of the United States in Europe. Hopes he will not insist on their giving him farther credit with their banker. Thinks he should reimburse the sum they advanced to him. A. Dr. of L. 3 p.

XLV, 136.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 308; Bigelow, VI, 292; Smyth, VII, 216).

To **Messrs. Sube & Laporte.** 1779. January 12. Passy.

Is pleased to meet so many partisans of his country in France. Read with pleasure the statutes of their Society and the verses addressed to him. Appreciates the honors received from the Society of the friends of America at Marseilles. Hopes the alliance between France and his country will endure forever and contribute to the prosperity of their city. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 1 p. (In French.)

XLV, 137.

To **Abbé Du Bois,** Nancy. 1779. January 12. Passy.

Thanks him for his letter and the ingenious fable in verse. Is not proficient enough in French to fully appreciate the fine qualities of the verse but thinks the idea of the fable excellent and well applied. Pleased to hear of so many partisans of his country in France. A. Dr. by Jean Baptiste Le Roy of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 138.**

To **The Continental Congress, Committee of Foreign Affairs.** 1779. January 15. Passy.

Money advanced to Ralph Izard and William Lee. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 5 p. **XLV, 139.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 310; Bigelow, VI, 294; Smyth, VII, 218).

To **Ralph Izard.** 1779. January 20. Passy.

His promise, whether made in the presence or absence of witnesses, should be fulfilled; repeats his intention of sending a copy of the letter with some farther reasons in addition. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p.

XIII, 47b.

To **John Adams.** 1779. January 22.

Requests him to forward all the public papers in his possession. Promises to keep them in order and to cheerfully furnish him with any papers he may have occassion for. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p.

E. Mr. Adams on receipt of this, put all the Public Papers into the hands of W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin. **XLV, 140.**

To **Messrs. Horneca, Fizeaux & Co.** 1779. February 9. Passy.

Requests them to replace the goods which were sent over to Congress by mistake, for the account of Mr. Simeon Deane, charging the Commissioners with the account; he also asks them to remit the remainder of the money belonging to the United States to Mr. Ferdinand Grand. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 141.**

Diary. 1779. February 12 to March 2.

A. Mem. 2 p. **LXXVI. 22.**

To **Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia.**

1779. February 26. Passy.

On the subject of procuring military supplies for the State of Virginia. Mr. William Lee's conduct in the affair. A. Dr. of L. 2 p.

XLV, 142.

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 320; Bigelow, VI, 317; Smyth, VII, 238).

To **Jean de Neufville.** 1779. February 28. Paris.

Present state of affairs does not permit him to begin negotiations for a loan of 1,500,000 florins. The attempt by the United States to get a loan in Holland last year was not successful. Fears another attempt would not meet with more success and might injure the credit of the United States. If he can, with his credit and good offices, first succeed in getting a sufficient number of subscribers, Dr. Franklin could sign and send the preliminary agreement proposed by M. de Chaumont. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) Copy. **XLV, 143.**

To **Jean de Neufville.** 1779. February 28. Passy.

Draft, by M. de Chaumont, of previous letter and preliminary agreement of proposed loan. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. (In French.)

XLV, 144.

To [**G. Anquetil Brutière.** 1779. February.]

Advises him to make his complaint to the Court of Admiralty of Massachusetts Bay to which the privateer belonged; offers to transmit any papers and proofs thither. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 131a.**

To [**Augustin Badran**] **Riotto.** 1779. March 4. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 79.**

To **The Marquis de la Fayette.** 1779. March 22. Passy.

On the method of harrassing England by sea. A. Dr. of L. 2 p.

XLV, 145.

Printed in Works (Bigelow, VI, 339; Smyth, VII, 269).

To **"The London Packet."** 1779. March 24. Passy.

Passport for Mr. [Guillaume] Bousie's vessel, "The London Packet," Capt. Meriton, with letters relating thereto. (3 p.) Dr. of D. 4 p.

LXXIV, 95-98.

CALIFORNIA

To [——— **Aubry,** Luxeuil. 1779. March.]

Has no orders to send over any physicians; America is open to all French people who desire to settle there, but they must pay their own expenses. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 170a.**

To [**Gioanni De Bernardi,** Turin. 1779. March.]

Thanks him for his good will towards America, but their laws and language being different from those with which he is acquainted, can neither advise nor encourage him to go thither. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 209a.**

To **Samuel Marcel** [Berne. 1779. March.]

The army is full; with a small capital he might succeed in commerce or agriculture, but his voyage thither must be at his own expense; is not authorized to promise any kind of establishment, office, or employment to new-comers; the advantages he will find there, without any additional inducements. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 207a.**

To [**Pièrre Bon de Corcelles,** Moudon. 1779. March.]

The lands of Pennsylvania not yet granted all belong to the Proprietary, Mr. Penn; the price is £5 the hundred acres; enumerates the advantages which render a free gift of land unnecessary. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 166a.**

To [**John Rosseaux.** 1779. March.]

The business of selling prizes, distributing the shares and paying salaries, has never been in his hands; recommends him to write to Mr. [Jonathan] Williams, [Jr.], at Nantes, for information. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XIII, 153a.**

To **George F. Norton.** 1779. May 18. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 84.**

To **Sir Edward Newenham.** 1779. May 26. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 83.**

To **Dr. [Edward] B[ancroft?]** 1779. May 31.

Asks him to acquaint the people that have a mind to remove to America, that they may do so with great safety to themselves and effects.

Tells him to state the advantages of living in America. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 146.**

To ——— **King.** 1779. July 22. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 81.**

To ——— ———. 1779. July. Passy.

Blank invitation to dinner for Monday, July 5, to celebrate the Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Printed N. 1 p. **LXXII, 1.**

To ——— **Rattier.** 1779. August 5. Passy.

Cannot accept proposal made by four English prisoners of war to give their services to the United States as artillery or battery officers. It is always prudent to beware of such offers made by English soldiers. Dr. by Le Ray de Chaumont, of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 147.**

To [**Whom it May Concern**]. 1779. August 8. Passy.

Certifies that the accounts of John Ross have been audited by Messrs. Wharton and Bancroft, and recommends that the United States pay the balance owing. Accompanied by the auditing report of Sam[uel] Wharton and Ed[ward] Bancroft. Dr. of D. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **LIV, 55.**

To **Marquis de la Fayette.** [1779. August 24. Passy.]

Sends him a sword in the name of the Congress. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 148.**

The same translated into French. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 16.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 380; Bigelow, VI, 436; Smyth, VII, 370).

Recommendation of a Georgia Lieutenant. 1779. August 31. Passy.

A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (Press copy.) **L(i), 44.**

To **William Temple Franklin.** [1779. August. Passy.]

Requests him to send the sword by his servant, as Mme. Brillon desires to see it. A. N. 1 p. **LXX, 35a.**

To **Cyprian Sterry, John Smith, Jr., and the Brigantine "Hope."** 1779. September 24. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 87.**

To **Comte de Vergennes.** 1779. September 26. Passy.

Wishes he could write something positive to the Congress in regard to the supplies they have asked for. Congress will be placed in a state of uncertainty; and the disappointment will give great advantage to their enemies, external and internal. L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 149.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 382; Bigelow, VI, 441; Smyth, VII, 376).

To **Joseph Wharton's Vessels.** 1779. October. Passy.

Passport. Dr. of D. 2 p. **LXXIV, 99.**

To **Madame Brillon.** 1779. November 10. Passy.

The story of the whistle. A. Dr. of Diss. 4 p. **XLV, 149½.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, II, 180; Bigelow, VI, 239; Smyth, VII, 414).

La Belle et La Mauvaise Jambe. [*Circa* 1779.]

Broadside. 1 p. Passy. 1 vol. 4to. **094, F 85.**

To **Count de Vergennes.** [1779.]

Points out that the effect of such long and unreasonable delays in deciding claims by American vessels for prizes retaken from the English will be to discourage offensive operations by American war vessels against the English in European waters. Cites the claim of Capt. [Daniel] McNeill, of the American privateer "General Mifflin," which has not yet been settled after a delay of seven months. Dr. by Le Ray de Chaumont of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 19.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Found it was eleven o'clock when he returned home. Fears that he was so engrossed in his game of chess that he may have incommoded her by keeping her so long in her bath. Will never begin another game of chess in her bath room. Sends her M. [Paul Jérémie] Bitaubé's Homer, and asks if he may bring M. Bitaubé with him next Wednesday to make her acquaintance. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 45.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 312.

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1779.]

Sends her the little pieces she asked for. The one on "The Game of Chess" should be dedicated to her, as the best piece of advice in it was suggested by her magnanimous way of playing. His grandson has seen the hotel recommended by her, finds it too magnificent for him and his household. Is very sorry it does not suit him, as he would have liked being nearer to her. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 49.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 315.

To [**John Adams?** *Circa* 1779.]

Requests him to send Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.]'s letter that objects to the clothing furnished by Mr. Mont(h)ieu; also the paper relating to his accounts.

E. Dr. Franklin must send somebody to search for the papers as Mr. [John] Adams has no more the custody of them than Dr. Franklin and never will have. A. L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 79.**

Some Directions for the Drawing out the Tone from the Glasses of the Armonica. [1779?]

A. Dr. of Diss. 3 p. **L(i), 16.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 353; Bigelow, IV, 556; Smyth, VII, 438).

Memorandum. [1779.]

Description of the sword given by Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette. A. Dr. of Mem. in handwriting of William Temple Franklin. 2 p. **L(i), 19.**

Memorandum. [1779.]

Description of the decoration on one side of the pommel of the sword which was presented by the Congress to the Marquis de la Fayette and the signification thereof. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 17.**

To **John de Neufville & Son.** 1779.

Agreement for negotiating a loan of two million gulden in Holland. Dr. of D. 6 p. **LVI(i), 28a.**

The same. 5 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 28b.**

Agreement between the American Commissioners and ——— Mercier. [1779.]

For repairing and cleaning arms at Nantes. Dr. of D. 3 p. **LVI(i), 38.**

To [**Mme. de Boulainvilliers.** *Circa* 1779.]

It gives him great pleasure to learn from his respected neighbor that her lovely child is to be married, but that they are not to be deprived of her company. Assures them he will make no use of his "paratonnerre" to prevent this match. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **LXXI, 104b.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Jan., 1907, 431.

To **Henry Michel.** 1780. March 14. Passy.

Passport. D. S. 2 p. **LXXIV, 57.**

To **The Moravian Brethren's Brig "The Amity."** 1780. March 14. Passy.

Passport. D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 82.**

To **Jonathan Nesbitt.** 1780. April 19. Passy.

Returns the bills accepted; in case any of the duplicates should be presented endorsed, relies on Mr. Nesbitt's honor to reimburse him. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XVIII, 17.**

To **M. Duvivier,** Paris. 1780. May 4. Passy.

Requests him to correct the defects in lettering on proofs of medals submitted. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 5.**

To [——— **Fournier le jeune**]. 1780. May 4. Passy.

Wishes to come to an understanding with him about the portrait of himself (Franklin) which M. Fournier desires to have made. Will consent to give sittings to the artist, but does not intend to pay the expense. Thanks him for his paper on the invention of musical characters. Would like to see the treatise on the "Origin of Printing." A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **LXX, 6.**

To **Baron de Wulffen.** 1780. June 11. Passy.

Sorry he is not satisfied with the twenty guineas he lent him, but demands more. Does not advise him to return to America in his condition, for should he again be taken prisoner, it would be fatal to him. His family would be happy to have him at home. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 150.**

To [**Antoine Raymond Jean Gaulbert Gabriel**] **de Sartine.** 1780. June 27. Passy.

Relative to the small indemnity granted for the destruction of the "Fair Play." As the owners apprehend there was no fault on the Captain's part, he begs him to reconsider the matter, or else to send him the information he has received from Guadaloupe, of the blameable conduct of the Captain, that he may satisfy the owners. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 151.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VIII, 476; Bigelow, VII, 98; Smyth, VIII, 113).

To **S[amuel] Huntington, President of Congress.** 1780. July 10. Passy.

Recommendation of M. le Baron d'Arros. A. L. S. 2 p. **LXIX, 6.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VIII, 119).

To [**Jonathan**] **Williams** [**Jr.**]. 1780. July 19. Passy.

Confirms the power he gave him to freight a ship to carry out the public stores. Tells him to draw on him for the amount if he agrees with M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont for the "Breton" or other large ship. Approves of M. de Chaumont's proposition for the clothing he has at Nantes and authorizes him to accept it. Wants to know the amount as soon as he makes out the invoices that he may draw his bills on the Congress. Should Mr. [John D.] Schweighauser have anything ready for the public, when he loads the ship, and should there be sufficient room, requests him to freight it. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 152a.**

To [**John D.**] **Schweighauser.** 1780. July 19. Passy.

Instructions as to how to pack the gun barrels, locks and bayonets that they may be conveyed to America in the cheapest manner. Does not think the woodwork of the arms worth sending. Asks him to

have the barrels and locks oiled that on their arrival they might not be in a worse condition than they are. Thinks common laborers can do the oiling. May perhaps send what he has ready in the course of a month and at that time he will be glad to know the quantity. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 152b.**

To **William Potts and family.** 1780. September 14. Passy.

Passport. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 86.**

To **Juvel Neveux & Cauchoit.** 1780. September 23. Passy.

All bills of exchange drawn on Mr. Franklin should be presented for acceptance at his house in Passy, and then at their expiration to M. [Ferdinand] Grand, banker. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XIX, 137a.**

Dialogue between the Gout and M. Franklin. 1780. October 22.

With corrections by a "savant" and critical notes by a woman who is not a "savante" [Mme. Brillon]. Diss. 13 p. (In French.) **L(i), 36.**

Printed in Proc. of Amer. Philos. Soc., 1901, XL, 98.

To [**Benjamin Franklin Bache**]. 1780. December 25. Geneva.

Acknowledges receipt of letter with the prize; since the previous letters have not been acknowledged, he supposes they have not been received. He will enclose a copy of his last letter. L. S. 1 p. (In French.) **CII, 144a.**

To [**Benjamin Franklin Bache.** *Circa* 1780.]

Advises his grandson to profit by the opportunities he has for improvement. Mr. [John] Adams and his sons are in Holland; encloses letters from Mr. & Mrs. [Richard] Bache. L. S. 3 p. (In French.) **CII, 144b.**

The Deformed and Handsome Leg. [1780?]

(Incomplete.) A. Diss. 3 p. **L(ii), 5.**

The same, printed on Dr. Franklin's press at Passy. 1 p. 4to. (In French.) **094, F. 85.**

Printed also in Works (Sparks, II, 185; Bigelow, VI, 253; Smyth, VIII, 162).

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1780.]

Knows of no remedy for the natural inclinations referred to and would not tell him even if he did, as he considers the proper remedy is marriage. A. L. 1 p. (In French. Fragment.) **XLVI(i), 32.**

To [**Jonathan**] **Williams** [**Jr.**], Nantes. 1781. January 15. Passy.

Returns M. De Segray's account with his approbation. A new demand of 15,000 on account of the "[Marquis de] la Fayette" before she will be suffered to depart. M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont demanded 40,000 livres more on account of freight. Chaumont's inability to pay his acceptances; informed by young Chaumont that Williams owes his father 40,000 livres. Wishes to know whether this is not a mistake. Is advised to advance 12,000 livres for the "Mars"; thought she took sixty tons instead of one hundred tons. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 154.**

To **Jonathan Williams, Jr.** 1781. January 20. Passy.

Proposed to M. de Vergennes that the Government should take the bargain of the vessel off his hands. He did not care to embarrass himself with this, but kindly offered to lend him the sum if he desired it. Received an engagement from Messrs. Cot[t]in and Co. to sign for the payment of 150,000 more, being the price of the ship. Their menace. Reason for not signing it. Wants to know whether they can not lay hold of the vessel. Standing of his account with M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 153.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VIII, 197).

To [**Jonathan**] **Williams** [**Jr.**]. 1781. January 22. Passy.

Relative to the payment of bills for clothing. M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont writes he received news and some remittances from America and that his fortune there is employed in the service of the army; the receipts of the army, when he can produce them to Government, will be ready money for him. Jauge and Cot[t]in threat that they shall lose not only the ship but the freight they paid, notwithstanding M. de Chaumont's promise to refund it, if the vessel did not arrive. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 155.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VIII, 198).

To **Marquis de Castries.** 1781. January 28. Passy.

Acquaints him that Mr. [Francis M.] Dana, a late member of Congress, desires to lay before him some letters relative to the indemnification of the brig "Fair Play," to which papers he requests him to afford a favorable attention. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 156.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VIII, 205).

To **Chevalier des Tours.** 1781. February 19. Passy.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 88.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781. February.]

Returns the original draft of her fable. Is sorry if he did wrong and will not do so again until the next opportunity; such being the general practice of all sinners. Denies that excessive indulgence in sexual pleasures is the cause of gout as he had no gout when he was a young man. His condition somewhat improved; is still very weak but not too ill to jest a little. Sends her his "dialogue [with the gout]" and hopes it will amuse her. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 44.**

Printed in Proc. of Amer. Philos. Soc., 1901, XL, 97, and in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 312.

To **Archibald Lyons.** 1781. March 24. Passy.

Will apply for an order to permit him and his friends to go to l'Orient, where they will find vessels bound for America. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **LXX, 3.**

To **[John] Adams.** 1781. May. [Passy.]

P. S. Referring to Col. [John] Laurens's departure for Brest and the harmony that had subsisted between them. Wants information as to the purchases made by Mr. Adams, at his request, to send in the "Indienne." A. Dr. of N. 1 p. **LXX, 7c.**

To **John Hancock.** 1781. May 14. Passy.

Repeats his congratulations on his election to the Government of his Country. Encloses copies of letters relative to the enemy's posts and the proposed operations in its neighborhood, also copies of letters which may be of interest to Massachusetts Bay, which were taken from an English packet bound to New York, by a privateer. L. S. 1 p. (Press Copy.) **XLV, 157.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, VIII, 249).

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.** [*Circa* 1781. June. Passy.]

Reply to his memoir relative to the agreement between himself and Jonathan Williams, Jr., for freight to be loaded on his vessel the "Marquis de la Fayette" for America. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **L(i), 33.**

The same. L. 4 p. (Incomplete.) **LVII, 61.**

To [**Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1781. June.]

Question of paying freight for a vessel before she arrives at l'Orient to receive her cargo. L. in 3d P. 1 p. **LVIII, 76.**

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1781, July 1 to 1784, May 28.

Papers relative to his accounts, and also to those of [Silas] Deane and Dr. Franklin. **LIV, 125 (5, 11, 13-15).**

To **The Marquise [Noailles] de la Fayette.**
[1781. August. Passy.]

Asking her to use her influence with M. d'Aguesseau, in the case of Alexander *vs.* the Bank of England, as it concerns a very interesting family, who merit protection. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French.) **XXII, 114.**

Certificate. 1781. October 12. Passy.

Certification of the genuineness of a deed. A. D. 1 p. **LVIII, 72.**

To **William Temple Franklin,** Escuros, France.
1781. October 23. Versailles.

Sends copy of London paper giving account of the naval engagement in Chesapeake Bay. The English acknowledge their defeat. Refers to junction between Rochambeau and la Fayette's forces and probable capture of Cornwallis and his whole army. Rejoicings over birth of the Dauphin. Sends his love to the de Chaumont family. A. L. S. 1 p. **LXX, 1.**

To **Queen Marie Antoinette.** [1781. October.]

Offering congratulations and homage to her on behalf of all the States of North America [on the occasion of the birth of the Dauphin]. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 80.**

To **John Adams.** 1781. December 14. Passy.

Acquaints him that Messrs. Neufville and Son are willing to deliver the goods, but they cannot control the owners of the ship, who have a right to detain the goods for damages done by Capt. [Alexander] Gillon's refusing to sign the charter parties. His sentiments on the affair. Scheme of a loan proposed by John de Neufville and his opinion of it. A. Dr. of L. 5 p. **XLV, 158.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 106; Bigelow, VII, 328; Smyth, VIII, 341).

To **Mme. Brillon.** 1781. December 25. Passy.

Fully appreciates the extent of the victory gained and the possible consequences thereof. Does not exult however over it, as war is so uncertain. Is always careful not to appear presumptuous or over-confident lest fortune might change. Kind inquiries about Mme. Brillon from nearly every person he meets. No longer covets his neighbor's (M. Brillon's) house, but still covets his neighbor's wife. Dined at Chaillot this Christmas day. Weather was mild and balmy, could not be finer at Nice. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLIII, 44½.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 107, and in Works (Smyth, VIII, 350).

From **The Plenipotentiaries of the United States** *to* **the Ambassador from the German Emperor.** 1781. Passy.

Accepting the proffered mediation of the Emperor of Germany and the Empress of Russia to bring hostilities with Great Britain to an end and requesting that the mediation be extended to the final Treaty of Peace. L. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 27.**

Memorandum. 1781. Nantes.

In reference to a bill drawn by Congress on Mr. [John] Jay for the purpose of supplying ship chandlery. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 40.**

To ——— ———. [1781.]

Battle between Generals [Nathanael] Greene and [Earl] Cornwallis and naval engagement between Admirals [Charles René Dominique Sochet] Des Touches and [Marriot] Arbuthnot. Neither side had much to boast of in the victory. Does not see how he can do anything

for M. Bois. Tells his correspondent he will have to dine at his (Franklin's) house two Sundays in succession to make up for the loss of next Sunday. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 38.**

To **The Minister of Marine.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Proposes that he buy the ship "Marquis de la Fayette" and take charge of its cargo of supplies for Congress to be delivered in the United States. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **LVII, 110.**

To **Jean de Neufville & fils.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Preliminary agreement between Dr. Franklin, as Minister from the United States, and Jean de Neufville & fils, of Amsterdam, respecting a loan of two million florins to be made by the latter to the United States. D. (in M. Le Ray de Chaumont's handwriting) S. B[enjamin] Franklin. 1 p. (In French.) **L(i), 55.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Will call to see her and try to go up her stairs if she is unable to come down. Enjoyed M. Brillon's visits to him during her illness and was much amused by his humorous stories. M. [Pére] Pagin called to see him yesterday and had the patience to listen to him playing an air on the harmonica. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i). 42.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 314, also in Works (Smyth, X, 426).

To **Jean de Neufville & fils.** [*Circa* 1781.]

Power of attorney, by Franklin, to negotiate, in Holland, a loan of two million florins for the United States. Dr. of D. 5 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 72.**

To **Beraud de Ciccati.** 1782. March 2. Passy.

Promising to send his letter by the first opportunity. L. 1 p. (In French.) **XXIV, 80b.**

Supplement to the Boston Independent Chronicle. 1782. March 13.

Numb. 705. 1 p. Printed. 1 vol. Folio. **973.3, F., 85 n.**

The same. 2d Edition. 2 p. Printed. 1 vol. Folio. **973.3, F., 85 n.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** 1782. March 26.

Received his "Dialogue [with the Gout]" and her charming epistle. Hopes that the next time the gout pays him a visit she will come to see him; her presence and care would turn the pain into a pleasure. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 73.**

To **Messrs. Cuming and Macarty.** 1782. April 7. Passy.

Received their letter relating to some accepted bills that have been protested for non-payment at Madrid. Sorry for the uneasiness this accident occasioned them. Shall immediately give orders to have them taken up and the money paid by his banker to Messrs. Pache, Frères & Co. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 159a.**

To **Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand.** 1782. April 7. Passy.

Requests him to take up sundry bills of exchange which were accepted by Mr. [John] Jay at Madrid and afterwards protested for non-payment, and which are now in the hands of Messrs. Pache, Frères & Co. at Paris. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 159b.**

To **Mr. [William] Alexander.** 1782. April 22. Passy.

Is obliged to him for communicating his plan but declines to engage in the scheme. Should he think fit to propose it to this Court, he advises him to confer with M. [Ferdinand] Grand, whose opinion, if he should approve of it, would weigh with the Ministry as would that of his brother Sir George Grand, lately commissioned by the King as Banker to France in Holland. A. D. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 160.**

To **M. Cabaret.** 1782. June 6.

An order for printing paper. Mem. 1 p. (In French.) **LV, 6.**

Notarial Agreement and Power of Attorney. 1782. July 7. Passy.

Agreement between Benjamin Franklin and Jacques Donatien Le Ray de Chaumont relative to the settlement of their respective claims by arbitration. D. 4 p. (In French.) **LVII, 33.**

Memorandum. 1782. July. Passy.

Remarks upon M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont's second account. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **LIV, 125(9).**

To ——— ———. [1782. July.] ?

Le Ray de Chaumont's agreement respecting the final settlement of their accounts and indebtedness to each other and accepting the decision of M. [Ferdinand] Grand as arbitrator of their differences. D. 2 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 50.**

From **Benjamin Franklin and John Jay** *to* **Whom it May Concern.** 1782. October 1.

Appointing William Temple Franklin as Secretary of their Commission to draw up and conclude peace with Great Britain. This appointment was approved of by Henry Laurens and John Adams, the other members of the Commission, who were then absent. A. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.) **LV, 9.**

To ——— ———. 1782. November 3. Passy.

Returns the essays submitted; was pleased to see the progress made by the author in a style different from his. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 161.**

Provisional Articles between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty. 1782. November 30.

With separate article. D. S. John Jay, Henry Laurens, Richard Oswald, John Adams and B[enjamin] Franklin. 10 p. (Press copy. Attested. In duplicate.) **LV, 11 and 12.**

Printed in Treaties and Conventions between the United States and other Powers, Washington, 1873, 309.

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **Robert Livingston, Secretary for Foreign Affairs.** 1782. December 14. Paris.

Congratulate Congress on the signature of the preliminaries between Great Britain and the United States, to be inserted in a definitive treaty as soon as the terms between France and Great Britain shall be agreed on. Remarks on Articles 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the preliminaries. L. S. John Adams *et al.* 4 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 13.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 131.

To ——— [Le] **Baron.** 1782. December 17. Passy.

Assures him that vessels flying the Imperial flag can visit any port in the United States and trade there without hindrance. As war is still going on, however, cannot say that they will not be molested by English warships, if met with near the American coast. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLV, 162.**

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1782. Passy.

Reply to Mr. de Chaumont's answer respecting the observations of Dr. Franklin on his account. A. Dr. of L. 3 p. **LIV, 125, 8.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1782.]

With reference to the claim of Andrews, owner of the ship "Sally" which was confiscated by the French authorities at St. Pierre, Martinique, as not being neutral. Franklin supports Andrews's claim and contends that the confiscation of the latter's property was unwarranted and contrary to law. Dr. of L. 6 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 74.**

To **The English Cartel.** 1782.

Passport. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. and the same printed. 1 p. **LXXIV, 91 and 92.**

List of Persons to whom Passes have been Granted in the Year 1782.

Mem. 2 p. **LXXIV, 116.**

To **W[illiam] Hodgson.** 1783. January 14. Passy.

Relating to the exchange of prisoners. L. 2 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 14b.**

To ——— ———. 1783. January 14. [Passy.]

Wishes it were in his power to give him the information he desires. Will send him the information as soon as he can obtain it. L. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 14c.**

Declaration by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. 1783. January 22.

Having received from Mr. Alleyne Fitz-Herbert, Minister Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty, a declaration relative to the suspension of arms to be established between the United States and Great

Britain. They accept the same and reciprocally declare a cessation of hostilities. L. S. 2 p. (Copy.) **LV, 20a.**

Concluding page of same. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 20b.**

To **John Sargent.** 1783. January 27. Passy.

Rejoices that the war is over and that they can communicate freely. Thanks God for the protection he had given him hitherto and hopes for its continuance to the end. Is pleased with the account of his family except that his eldest son so long continues unmarried. His attitude towards marriage. Is concerned at the losses he suffered by the war. A. L. S. 3 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 163.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 447; Bigelow, VIII, 256; Smyth, IX, 13).

To **Mrs. Mary Hewson.** 1783. January 27. Passy.

Relative to the death of his friends. Declines visiting England at present. His opinion of wars. Requests her to visit Paris. A. L. S. 3 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 164.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 475; Bigelow, VIII, 254; Smyth, IX, 11).

Declaration of Cessation of Arms with Great Britain. 1783. February 20. Paris.

D. S. John Adams, B[enjamin] Franklin, John Jay. 2 p. Printed. **973, 3 q P 19.**

Passport for Merchant Vessels. [1783. February.]

Given upon the cessation of hostilities between Great Britain and the United States. D. S. John Adams, B[enjamin] Franklin, John Jay. 1 p. (Printed form.) **973, 3 q P 19.**

Contract between France and the United States. 1783. February 21. Versailles.

Article II of the contract made by Comte de Vergennes and Benjamin Franklin relative to the fixing of the periods for the reimbursements of the six millions at the Royal Treasury. D. 3 p. **LV, 22.**

Printed in Treaties and Conventions between the United States and other Powers, Washington, 1873, 259.

To [**Jean Jacques**] **Bachelier.** 1783. March 5. Passy.

M. Franklin is sorry that he has an engagement for the day mentioned; suggests two other days, on either of which it will give him great pleasure to dine with them. L. 1 p. (In French.)

XXVII, 160.

To **Comte de Vergennes.** 1783. March 24. Passy.

Wishes to have printed, by M. Pierres, the French translation of the Constitutions of the United States of America. No complete translation of them has yet been published. Requests Count de Vergennes to give his approval to this publication and to use his good offices to have the necessary permission granted to the printer. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLV, 165.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 27).

To ——— ———. 1783. April 22. Passy.

Introduces Mr. Märter, professor of natural history in the service of the Emperor. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 166.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 35).

To ——— ———. 1783. May 22. Passy.

The bearer, Pierre André Gargaz, is the author of a very humane project for establishing a perpetual peace. Is much interested in his behalf. He served twenty years as a galley slave and now requests letters of rehabilitation that he may enjoy, for the rest of his life, the douceurs that state would be attended with. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

XLV, 167.

To **Comte de Vergennes.** 1783. June 3. Passy.

Knows Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] to be a just man and hopes the favor he asks for an "arrêt de surséance" may be granted, being persuaded it will be employed to the complete satisfaction of his creditors. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 168.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, VIII, 295; Smyth, IX, 47).

To [**Philippe-Denis**] **Pierres.** 1783. June 10. Passy.

Received the copy of the Constitutions. The ratification of the Swedish treaty is arrived so that there is no further obstruction to the publication. Instructions for binding the books. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

XLV, 169.

Printed in Works (Sparks, IX, 523; Bigelow, VIII, 295; Smyth, IX, 47).

To **Baron [Eric Magnus] de Staël[-Holstein].** 1783. June 16. Passy.

Has received his letter notifying him of the ratification of the treaty between Sweden and the United States. Expects to receive soon from Congress notice of its ratification also. Will acquaint Congress of the King of Sweden's desire that the United States be represented at his Court by a member of the Franklin family. Congress will, no doubt, do all in its power to be agreeable to a Sovereign who was the first in Europe to offer his friendship to the United States. Dr. of L. 3 p. (In French.) **XLV, 170.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 53).

To **Le Prince de Deux-ponts.** [1783. June 17. Passy.]

Favorable reception likely to be given to the trade with the German States. Enumerates articles which America purchases from Europe; reasons why he cannot point out the most reliable business houses in America. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XXVIII, 168a.**

From **The American Commissioners** *to* **David Hartley.** 1783. July 11. Paris.

They have received from Congress their ratification of the provisional articles [of the Treaty of Peace] and are ready to exchange ratifications with the British Minister. Contrary to one of the articles in which it is stipulated that the British shall, without causing any destruction or carrying away any negroes, withdraw their armies and fleet from the United States, they have been informed that a number of negroes have been carried away from New York. Have instructions from Congress to demand reparation. State that it is agreed that no execution for any debt contracted before the war shall be permitted to be taken out within three years from the day of the signing of the definitive treaty and that no claim of interest shall be admitted. Dr. of L. 2 p. **LV, 52.**

To **Chevalier de Laneuville.** [*Circa* 1783. July.]

Regrets that he did not receive his invitation to celebrate the Anniversary of the American Independence till the day appointed was passed. Assures him, however, that he was not forgot when the company drank to the brave strangers who have hazarded their lives in support of American Liberty. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **LXIX, 118.**

From [**The American Commissioners?**] *to* **Prince Bariatinskoy and Mr. De Markoff, Ministers Plenipotentiary from Her Majesty, the Empress of all the Russias.** 1783. July. Passy.

The Empress of Russia and the Emperor of Germany desiring to put a stop to the calamities of war, offered their mediations to the belligerent powers, and as they were informed by Comte de Vergennes that the Kings of France and England have accepted the mediations of their Imperial Majesties in the Definitive Treaty of Peace about to be concluded between these two powers, they are ready to accept, in behalf of the United States of America, the mediations of their Imperial Majesties in the Definitive Treaty of Peace to be concluded between Great Britain and the United States. L. 2 p. **LV, 48a.**

Ratification of the Provisional Articles of the Treaty of Peace on the part of His Britannic Majesty. 1783. August 6. St. James's.

D. S. 3 p. (Press copy. Attested.) **LV, 58.**

Printed in Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, VI, 631.

To **Marquis de Vaudreuil.** 1783. October 19.

Acknowledges the receipt of the memoirs and promises to communicate them to Congress who doubtless will respect his recommendation of a Consul at the Cape. A. N. 1 p. **LVIII, 73.**

To [**Jean Charles Pierre**] **Lenoir.** 1783. October 31. Passy.

Mme. [John] Jay and himself grateful for what has been done to carry out their intentions with regard to Abigail. Mme. Jay approves the allowance made for her slave's sustenance and will pay all expenses incurred by the latter's imprisonment. Would like to know where she is detained in order to send some one to reason with her. If not successful in doing so will send Abigail back to her native country at the first opportunity. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLV, 171.**

To **William Hodgson.** 1783. December 10. Passy.

Having represented to the Congress the service rendered to the American prisoners by the Rev. Mr. Wren, he now takes the pleasure of transmitting their thanks, together with a diploma from the College at Princeton, which he begs him to forward. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 172.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 124).

To [**M. Bariatinskoy.** 1783. December 22. Passy.]

Never heard of the Resolution of Congress which he mentions, and doubts much of its existence; nor has he heard anything of the supposed decision in Council at Versailles concerning it. Understands that a number of American officers have agreed to form themselves into a society for the purpose of relieving their poor widows and orphans hereafter. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 173.**

To [**Richard**] **Bache.** [*Circa* 1783.]

Introducing the Messrs. Perrin who are going to America with a view of carrying on from thence commercial connection with France. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLIV, 128.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783.]

Has just seen, in a French newspaper, that the American Republic is about to erect, in Philadelphia, a statue to the French King. The idea pleases him but he criticises the inscription. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In Italian. In handwriting of Dr. Franklin.) **XLVI(i), 39.**

To **The President of the Continental Congress.** [1783. Paris.]

Memoranda for a letter. A. Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 74a.**

To **Robert Morris.** [1783. Paris.]

Memoranda for a letter. A. Dr. of Mem. **XLVI(i), 74b.**

Rough Draft of a Flying Machine. [*Circa* 1783.]

A Drawing. 1 p. **L(i), 53.**

Regulations with Regard to Vessels Carrying Contraband of War. [1783.]

D. (Incomplete.) 1 p. (In French.) Press copy. **LVI(ii), 22.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1783?]

Civil employments [in America] are few and all are filled by persons elected by the people. He may make a settlement there and will be kindly received, and will soon be considered as a citizen. He may acquire the esteem and confidence of the people and obtain in consequence public employment, either civil or military. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 84.**

To **Samuel Chase.** 1784. January 6. Passy.

Relative to the loss of his ship. Is not enough acquainted with the French laws and customs to inform him what claim the widow of M. Le Vaché, may have upon his property. Relative to the validity of marriages by Protestant ministers. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 174.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 53; Bigelow, VIII, 427; Smyth, IX, 152).

To **Luce de Lancival.** 1784. January.

Acknowledging the letter and poem [de Pace]; his friends who are better judges than he, pronounce it excellent. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XXXI, 16b.**

To **M. Creuze[?].** 1784. February 14. Passy.

Received his three letters relating to aerostatic machines and the means of directing their motion. Communicated the letters to the committee which was appointed by the Academy of Sciences to consider that subject. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 175.**

To **[Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.** 1784. February 25. Passy.

Encloses a letter and sundry papers which he received from Mr. [Anthony George] Eckhardt, of Utrecht, a most ingenious mechanician. If he can do him any service, he requests him to do so; also to show to [Joseph Michel] Montgolfier what Mr. Eckhardt says of balloons. A. L. S. 1 p. (Copy.) **XLV, 176.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 173).

To **Comte de Vergennes.** 1784. February 26. Passy.

Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] having amicably arranged his affairs with the bulk of his creditors he now joins his request for an "arrêt de surséance" that he may be secured against the small number remaining who aim at forcing him to favor them to the prejudice of the others. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 177.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, VIII, 451; Smyth, IX, 173).

To ——— ———. 1784. March 4. [Passy.]

Appointment of consuls does not belong to him. Thinks that whenever one is appointed for Dunkirk, it will be Mr. [Francis] Coffyn, who for seven years has constantly taken care of and relieved the poor prisoners escaping from England, without any compensation. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 178a.**

To **Comte de Vergennes.** 1784. March 5. Passy.

Received his letter respecting the necessity of producing legal proof of the arrangements made with the creditors mentioned in Mr. [Jonathan] Williams's state of affairs, and sends herewith the original of those arrangements for his inspection. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 179.**

Printed in Works (Bigelow, VIII, 454; Smyth, IX, 176).

To **Abbé Morellet.** 1784. March 16. Passy.

No one else has seen the paper, and it will probably not appear until after his decease, if it does then; his opinion of the translation. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XL, 89b.**

To ——— **Mazue.** 1784. March 19. Passy.

Acknowledging M. Mazue's letter; believes it is yet too early to put such a project into execution; the culture of wheat is more profitable and certain, and in exchange the wines of Europe can be procured cheaper than the cost of home production. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XXXI, 93b.**

To **La Sablière de La Condamine.** 1784. March 19. Passy.

Acknowledging his favor of the 8th inst. Thinks maladies caused by obstruction may be helped by electricity; doubts the existence of animal magnetism; fears the new method will prove a delusion. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XXXI, 107.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 75; Bigelow, VIII, 460) and in Hale's Franklin in France, II, 293.

To ——— **Milee l'ainé.** 1784. March 19. Passy.

Has no orders or authority to encourage any person to go to America by promising lands or other favors from Government; the enclosed printed paper describing the country will perhaps convince the young man that he is better where he is. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XXXI, 112b.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** 1784. March 31. Passy.

Sends her one of his "serious pleasantries." Hopes it will amuse her and that she will recompense him by playing a Christmas carol and the "March of the Insurgents." A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 180.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 191), and in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., 1901, XL, 113.

To **Mme. Brillon.** 1784. April 8. Passy.

Sent her, by M. [Jean Baptiste] Le Roy, the "Notice for those who wish to remove to America" and "Remarks on politeness amongst the savages." Sends with this note several other little pieces printed in his house at Passy. With "The Deformed and Handsome Leg" and the "Morals of Chess" previously presented to her, this completes the collection of his "bagatelles" printed at Passy. Is sorry to hear M. Brillon is suffering from gout. Sends him some advice given him by "La Goutte" herself which he did not follow but which he hopes will be useful to a fellow-sufferer. A. L. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.)

XLV, 181.

Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 96.

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1784. May 2. Passy.

Sorry to learn that Mr. [Ferdinand] Grand declines acting as an arbitrator, because if it must be settled by others than themselves it is best it should be done by their common friends. Has always been ready to submit the matters in dispute, but knowing the difficult situation of his affairs he forbore from pressing the point, believing that so soon as his affairs should be arranged it would not be difficult for them to adjust their accounts themselves without the help of any arbitrator and proposes that they should try that experiment. A. Dr. of L. 1 p.

LIV, 125(7).

Memorandum. 1784. May 10. Passy.

Notes upon M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont's accounts. A. Mem. 1 p.

LIV, 125(10).

By **Benjamin Franklin and Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1784. May 28. Passy.

Declaration of approval to the decision of M. [Ferdinand] Grand as Arbitrator of their disputed accounts. The latter found that M. de Chaumont was indebted to Franklin in a sum of over 35,000 livres (or francs) but as Congress owed M. de Chaumont a much larger amount for merchandise and supplies furnished to Gen. [Benjamin] Lincoln, Franklin agreed to allow him to retain the above sum as part payment of the account due him by Congress. They both agree to consider everything settled between them personally and release each other from all claims and pecuniary obligations whatsoever. D. S. Le Ray de Chaumont, B[enjamin] Franklin. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.)

LIV, 125(12).

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.** 1784. May 28. Passy.

Final account of Benjamin Franklin against Le Ray de Chaumont in which there is a balance of 26,801 livres in favor of the former. Mem. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LIV, 125(6).**

To **[Comte de] Campomanes.** 1784. June 5. Passy.

Power of an individual to do good. Two erroneous opinions prevalent in Europe which is injurious to National felicity, but which is not found in America. Perpetuation of families by estates. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 182.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 98; Bigelow, VIII, 497; Smyth, IX, 221).

To **Thomas Barclay.** 1784. July 6. Passy.

Requests him to peruse the enclosed letter of the Marquis de Castries, with the Resolutions of Congress respecting the division of the prize-money, and to favor him with his opinion. Also desires to know whether there have been any decisions upon a similar case in America or any subsequent rules given by Congress. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 183.**

To **Messrs. Morellet & Drago.** 1784. July 13. Passy.

Advises them to bring suit against Wahrendorff to recover the money due them, when they find out in what State he resides. Should send a power of attorney and full instructions to some Danish firm in the same State or to the Vice-Consul of France who could then act for them. L. in 3d P. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 73.**

To **Messrs. Sears and Smith.** 1784. August 4. Passy.

Duty on slaves imported into the French Islands. Does not see any possibility of their avoiding the payment. A. L. S. 2 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 184.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 119; Bigelow, IX, 23; Smyth, IX, 249).

To **William Temple Franklin.** 1784. August 25. Passy.

The Duke of Dorset called. Mr. [John] Adams and family, Mme. Dandelot and other friends have visited him, and Mme. Saurin, who has returned from England. He dined with her yesterday. They dine to-day with M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont and on Saturday with

Mr. [John] Adams. The Report [on Mesmerism] makes a great deal of talk. Everybody agrees that it is well written, but many wonder at the force of imagination described in it as occasioning convulsions, etc., and some feel that consequences may be drawn from it by infidels to weaken our faith in some of the miracles of the New Testament. Some think it will put an end to Mesmerism, but there is a wonderful deal of credulity in the world and deceptions as absurd have supported themselves for ages. A. L. S. 1 p. **CVI, 68.**

To **William Temple Franklin.** 1784. September 8. Passy.

Requests him to deliver the enclosed pacquet from M. [Louis Guillaume] Le Veillard which contains two letters of recommendation which he gave the Count [Mirabeau] at M. Veillard's request, one to Dr. [Richard] Price and the other to Mr. [Benjamin] Vaughan. [Friederich Anton] Mesmer's complaint to the Parliament of their report. M. Mesmer will be obliged to disclose all. A. L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 185.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 270).

To ——— **Moutard.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

Thanking him for the twelve copies of Reports on Magnetism which he sent. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 12.**

To ——— **Bernard.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

Declares report untrue that he was anxious to find some person to prospect for and work iron ore mines in America. Several mines have been found already and are being worked by the inhabitants. Cannot advise him to leave his own country to go to America where he might only meet with disappointments. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 76.**

To [J. F.] **Proth.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

The Catholic religion is tolerated in the United States, but the Government has nothing to do with appointments of priests. They are entirely under the jurisdiction of their ecclesiastical superiors. Could not be of any service to him in securing an appointment as his recommendation would be useless to him. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 77.**

To ——— **de la Valinière.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

The Catholic religion is allowed in all the States of the Union; but no lands are given away free. Has no knowledge of the establishment of Bishops referred to, but knows there is such an establishment in Canada and a suffragan bishop in Maryland. Congress has allotted no fund for persons wishing to emigrate to the United States. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 78.**

To **P[ierre] Roussille.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

Should make his claim in America for wages and share of prize-money due him by the privateer "Boston," as that vessel was fitted out there. Advises him to send his claim and proof to the French Consul at Philadelphia. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 79.**

To **Jacques Chapel.** 1784. September 12. Passy.

Cannot give him a letter of introduction to the United States Minister at London, as none has been appointed yet. Has been away from London too long to be able to tell him what are the most reliable business houses in that city. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 83.**

To **Hall and Sellers.** 1784. September 13. Passy.

Recommending M. Prosper Mouret, a printer. L. S. 1 p. **LV, 80.**

To **[Prosper] Mouret.** 1784. September 13. Passy.

Sends him the desired letters of recommendation but would not advise him to go to North America. Thinks he would get on better in the French West Indies where there are printing houses and where French is the language of the country. L. in 3d P. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 81.**

To **W[illia]m T[emple] Franklin,** London. 1784. September 13. Passy.

Has suffered somewhat by his riding in a carriage to Auteuil; will not repeat the experiment again. Procured a *sauf conduit* for B[enjamin Franklin Bache], he leaves to-morrow; Mr. [Jonathan] Williams [Jr.] will supply his place. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 186.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 272).

To **John Jay.** 1784. September 15. Passy.

Has heard of Mr. [John] Jay's safe arrival home. Mr. [David] Hartley has been recalled. Messrs. [John] Adams and [Thomas] Jefferson have arrived. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 82.**

To **W[illia]m T[emple] Franklin.** 1784. October 2. Passy.

Rebukes him for not writing since September 7. Thinks his father should write if his fever returned. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 187.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 274).

To **William Carmichael.** 1784. October 11. Passy.

Incloses the Count d'Aranda's answer to his last letter. Has not replied to it yet. Glad to learn that Mr. [Diego de] Gardoqui is sent to America. Relative to the seizure of James Hartwell, of Salem, with a cargo of tobacco, by the officers of the Spanish Inquisition. Requests him to take proper steps for his release and the restitution of his property. A. L. S. 3 p. (In duplicate.) **XLV, 188 and 189.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 274).

To **W[illia]m T[emple] Franklin,** London.
1784. October 18. Passy.

Glad to hear that Mrs. [Mary] Hewson resolved to come to Paris. Consents to his remaining in England to the end of the month on condition that he visits Chilbolton and brings him word of the welfare of that dear [Shipley] family. Saw an advertisement in an English paper of cast iron tiles for covering houses. Asks him to bring him one as a sample and to ascertain the price. Would like to cover his house in Philadelphia with them. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 190.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 277).

To **D. Inarre.** 1784. November 10. Passy.

Sends him a pamphlet of advice to intending emigrants to North America. Does not doubt he could make a good living by farming in Pennsylvania. On account of his age and family, however, would not advise him to undertake such a long journey to settle amongst strangers. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 191.**

The same. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 85.**

To **Messrs. Witel and Pauche.** 1784. November 15. Passy.

Has some doubts whether he will find the book-selling and printing business sufficiently profitable to support three families. Thinks if they can add to the sale of books the different manufactures of his country, the profit may be considerable. Incloses a pamphlet which will give him some information respecting his country. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 192.**

The same. (Press copy.) **LV, 84.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 279).

To **Monte Brav.** 1784. November 22. Passy.

Too much a stranger to every dispute on mesmerism to consent to have his name appear directly or indirectly, except in the report of the Commissioners. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **XXXII, 180a.**

To **M. Desfours.** 1784. November 23. Passy.

Did not receive the plan referred to in his letter. Has no authority to grant or refuse the commission he desires. Can only forward his request to Congress and communicate its reply to him. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 85½.**

To **Abbé de Charmois.** 1784. November 23. Passy.

Cannot give a free passage to America to Francisque Sube, as there is no vessel belonging to the United States in any port in France, and, as peace has been concluded, there will probably be none for some time. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 86.**

To **Thomas Jefferson.** 1784. November 23. Passy.

Relative to the habit people have of asking assistance in whatever they do. A. L. S. 2 p. (In duplicate. Press copy.) **XLV, 193 and LVI(ii), 11.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 151; Bigelow, IX, 70; Smyth, IX, 281).

To ——— **Marioge.** 1784. November 23. Passy.

Has not been directed by Congress to send anyone to the United States to establish factories there. No special inducements are held out to draw foreigners there. Should reflect well before deciding to go

with his family such a distance to live amongst strangers. Sends him a little printed notice on the subject of emigration to America. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 87.**

To **M. Lafont.** 1784. November 24. Passy.

Cannot advise him to undertake a long and costly journey to establish a medical practice in America where he would be without friends and unable to speak the language of the country. Thinks he would do better to go to the French islands. L. S. 1 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 87½.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** 1784. November 29.

Congratulating her on the birth of the baby. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLIII, 6a.**

Printed in Proc. Am. Philos. Soc., XL, 105, and in Putnam's Monthly, Oct., 1906, 37.

The Savages of North America. [1784.]

Diss. 4 p. (Conclusion missing.) **LVI(ii), 15.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, II, 453; Bigelow, IX, 25).

By **The American Commissioners.** 1784.

Alphabetical list of Americans who escaped from English prisons and were furnished money by the American Commissioners to return home. D. 23 p. **LV, 89.**

Memorandum. [*Circa* 1784.]

Lies respecting America in general to encourage the making war on them, and lies since the peace to encourage a renewal of the war. A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 57.**

To **The Ambassador of Sweden.** [*Circa* 1784.]

Making an appointment to meet him. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 4.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1784.]

Concerning the different kinds of currency in use in the United States and their value. Explaining the exchange and banking system. Mem. 5 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 19.**

To ——— ———. [1784.]

Commercial and financial affairs. Congratulations upon quitting public life. A. L. S. 1 p. (First part missing. Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 21.**

To **Mme. Brillon.** [*Circa* 1784.]

She is too sensitive and kind-hearted and he gives her some advice. Ingratitude is a terrible evil, but it only hurts the ungrateful. If those whom she has benefited prove ungrateful, it is their crime and should not disturb her. Those who have heaped injuries on her in return for benefits have only lowered themselves and become inferior to her. She should not seek to be revenged on them; time will prove the rectitude of her conduct and those who have slandered her will seek her friendship. Hopes she will be able to make out his meaning in spite of the defects and clumsiness of his style in French. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 43.**

Printed in Putnam's Magazine, Dec., 1906, 315.

To ——— **Bedtinger.** 1785. January 2. Passy.

Regrets to be unable to appoint M. Dupuis as Consul for the United States at Havre. Mr. [Thomas] Barclay, the Consul-General, can alone make such appointments and he is obliged to select citizens of the United States. L. S. 2 p. (In French. Press copy.) **LV, 67.**

To [**Ferdinand**] **Grand.** 1785. January 9. Passy.

Relative to a proposition respecting the payment of the interest on the Holland Loan, and other financial concerns. L. S. 3 p. (Press copy.) **LVI(ii), 9.**

Printed in the Diplom. Corres. of Am. Rev., Wharton, II, 40.

Memorandum. 1785. February 12. Passy.

Blank form of bill of exchange payable to Benjamin Franklin. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXIV, 84.**

To ——— **Brillon.** 1785. February 16. Passy.

Sends him an extract from letter written to him by Bache & Shee with reference to the claim of M. Thomas against that firm for goods shipped to them at Philadelphia.

Extract from M. Thomas's reply addressed to Abbé de St. Non and dated at Florence, March 11, 1785, with reference to his claim against Bache & Shee. L. 3 p. (In French. Press copy.) **XLV, 194.**

To **Pierre Vernier.** 1785. February 19. Passy.

Congress is taking steps to redeem the contracts issued by the Loan Office and to insure payment of interest thereon, which was interrupted for a time. Neither the principal nor interest, however, can be paid without the contracts being produced. Holders of the contracts should not have sent them to Europe, where they are of no value. Advises him to send the contracts he has back to America to some merchant or to M. [Pierre François] Barbé de Marbois, French Consul at Philadelphia. Dr. of L. 3 p. (Mostly in French.) **XLV, 195.**

To **Count de Windisch-Grätz.** 1785. February 22. Passy.

Cannot but approve of the article enclosed in his letter. Will forward any copies of it to America which he may send. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 196.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 290).

To [**F.**] **Deumié Groc.** 1785. February 25. Passy.

Answer to M. Deumié Groc's favor of Nov. 26th, 1784, also copies of other original papers relating to the affair of the vessel, "l'Aimable Elizabeth," the sale of her cargo in New Foundland and the total loss to her owners. L. S. 6 p. (In French. Copy.) **XXXIII, 38.**

To **William Carmichael.** 1785. March 22. Passy.

Communicated his letter to Messrs. [John] Adams and [Thomas] Jefferson; had several meetings on the Barbary affair. Is daily expecting permission from Congress to return home. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 197.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 159; Bigelow, IX, 90; Smyth, IX, 301).

To **Maréchal de Castries.** 1785. May 16. Passy.

Received his letter relative to the advance made to Mr. [William] Bingham, Agent of the United States at Martinique. Mr. Bingham has moved to London. Submits to his consideration whether it would not be well to charge the French Minister at London with the demand, as he (Dr. Franklin) is about to depart for America and will not have an opportunity of seeing Mr. Bingham. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 198.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 328).

To [**Whom it May Concern**]. 1785. May 19. Passy.

Certifies that M. [L]air De Lamotte served as one of his Secretaries and conducted himself uniformly with great diligence, exactitude, fidelity and ability. Parts with him because, having resigned his employment, he has now no occasion for his services. A. Dr. of L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 199.**

To **Rev. Mr. Wyvil.** 1785. June 10. Passy.

Sends the sketch he promised. Perhaps it may be of use to publish something of the kind; for if the power of choosing now in the boroughs continues to be allowed as a right, they may think themselves justifiable in demanding more of it, or in holding back longer, than they would if they find that it begins to be considered as an abuse. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 200.**

To **Mme. ———.** 1785. July 1.

Are all upset by preparations for leaving. Is very anxious to see her but cannot go to her house as he is suffering from the gout. Invites her to dine with him on Sunday. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 201.**

To [**Claudius Crigan, Bishop of Sodor and Man**]. 1785. July 5. Passy.

Practicability and expediency of establishing a bishop in America. A. Dr. of L. 4 p. **XLV, 202.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, X, 202; Bigelow, IX, 140; Smyth, IX, 353).

To **Charles William Frederick Dumas.** 1785. July 5. Passy.

Is about to return to Philadelphia where he will be glad to be of service to him. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **LV, 72.**

To [**Charles Joseph**] **Mathon de la Cour.** 1785. July 9. Passy.

Accepts with gratitude the title conferred on him by the Academy of Lyons. Will never forget what he owes to the French people and still less to the Academy which has honored him on the eve of his departure from France. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLV, 203.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 362).

Memorandum. [1785. July 12.]

Itemized list of improvements and repairs made in M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont's house by Dr. Franklin during his occupancy of it. A. Mem. 2 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 78a.**

Memorandum. 1785. July 12.

Produced the foregoing to M. [Le Ray] de Chaumont in opposition to his demand for reparation to windows, furniture, etc. They agreed to strike a balance and that all should be considered as even on both sides. A. Mem. S. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 78b.**

Memorandum. 1785. July 27.

Send [Gov.] W[illiam] F[ranklin] in London all papers tending to elucidate his (Benjamin Franklin's) title to lands in Nova Scotia, and such agreement as may be necessary for him to sign. He is to convey half of what he may recover to his sister [Mrs. Richard Bache]. A. Mem. 1 p. **LXIX, 119b.**

To **William Vernon.** 1785. October 14. Philadelphia.

Account of his son [William Vernon, Jr.,]'s conduct in Paris. His opinion of what seems most necessary to be done respecting him. A. Dr. of L. 6 p. **XLV, 204.**

To **Messrs. Sears and Smith.** 1785. November 14. Philadelphia.

Is surprised they did not receive his reply to theirs of May 18. Encloses a copy of it. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 205.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 475).

Remarks Upon the Navigation from New Foundland to New York. 1785. December.

To avoid the gulf stream on one hand, and, on the other, the shoals that lie to the southward of Nantucket and of St. George's Banks. Read before the American Philosophical Society, December 2, 1785. A. Diss. S. 2 p. **L(i), 56.**

Printed in Works (Sparks, VI, 496; Bigelow, IX, 194; Smyth, IX, 405).

To [**William**] **Vernon, Jr.** [1785.]

Was informed that he was still embarrassed in his money affairs. Advises him to return to America; can see no necessity of his staying in Paris any longer. Is willing to lend him more money to pay off his debts, on condition that he returns to America. A. Dr. of L. 2 p. **XLV, 204e.**

To ——— ———. [*Circa* 1786.]

Relative to the payment of the National debt and the evacuation of the frontier posts by Great Britain. (Incomplete.) A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(ii), 25.**

To **Charles Biddle.** 1786. November 2. [Philadelphia.]

The report he mentions that his conduct has been disapproved of by him is an infamous falsehood; he has always appeared to him to be an excellent officer, well understanding the duties of his station and indefatigably active in their performance. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 208.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 545).

Inventions of John Churchman. 1787. February 14.

Certificate by Dr. Franklin that the list of inventions had been submitted to him. D. 1 p. (Copy.) **L(i), 46.**

To **W[illiam] T[emple] Franklin,** New York. 1787. April 26. [Philadelphia.]

Found Major [David Salisbury] Frank's note and encloses it; if he cannot get the money immediately, and the Major proposes to pay it shortly, directs him to leave the note with Mr. [Richard] Bache and request him to receive the money for him. A. L. S. 1 p. **XLV, 209.**

To [**Francis**] **Childs.** 1787. May 8. Philadelphia.

His paper does not come regularly; is glad to hear, however, that it is well established and is likely to be profitable. Relative to the imperfection in the founts; his grandson [Benjamin Franklin Bache] will cast the sorts for him, as soon as he has taken his degree and got clear from College. L. 3 p. **XLV, 210.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 580).

To **[John] Smith.** 1787. August 31. Philadelphia.

Received his letter requesting a loan of £130 to be repaid if not found due to the estate of his father. Asserts that if he could persuade himself that he really owed the money, he would pay it immediately, but he believes the accounts must have been settled and adjusted. An account of the circumstances which persuade him that he is in no way indebted to his father. L. S. 3 p. (Copy.)

XLV, 211.

To **S[amuel] Osgood and A[rthur] Lee.**
1787. August 31. Philadelphia.

Respecting the accounts of Mr. [John] Ross supposed to be in his hands. Made a search but could not find them. Thinks they were delivered with the other public documents to Tho[ma]s Barclay. Will order his grandson, who is now in Albany, to make a more careful search for them when he returns. Will deliver them should they be found. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 212.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 606).

Instructions to the Commander of the Militia and to the Commissioners, in Relation to the Riot in Luzerne County, Pa.
[1787. October ?]

A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 20.**

To **J[ohn] Ross.** 1788. January 21. Philadelphia.

Is again called upon by the Board of Treasury for the vouchers to Ross's accounts with Congress, which were produced to Messrs. [Samuel] Wharton and [Edward] Bancroft. Much of this transaction took place as long ago as 1779, and has escaped his memory and therefore requests to be informed with what he knows concerning it, and particularly in regard to the whereabouts of the vouchers; cannot find them among his papers. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 213.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 630).

To **Samuel Osgood and Walter Livingston.**
1788. January 31. [Philadelphia.]

Cannot find the vouchers of Mr. [John] Ross's accounts, deposited with him when in France. When he left France he ordered all papers

relating to public affairs and everything deposited with him as Consul, to be put in Mr. [Thomas] Barclay's hands. Is of the opinion that the vouchers are among those papers. Mr. Ross writes that he has an authenticated copy which he is ready to produce, if necessary, but thinks that some of the copies that were made still exist. A. Dr. of L. S. 2 p. **XLV, 214.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 631).

To **J. Ingen Housz.** 1788. February 11. Philadelphia.

His health. The horror and cost of wars. Is sorry for the losses he met with in his attempt to make profit by commerce in America. Decline of Continental money, and the cause thereof. Relative to his trouble with Mr. [Samuel] Wharton. A. L. S. 4 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 215.**

Printed in Works (in part, Sparks, X, 333; Bigelow, IX, 454; in full, Smyth, IX, 633).

To ——— ———. 1788. February 17. Philadelphia.

Received and read the letter she sent him last summer. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 216.**

To **[Mathew Carey].** 1788. June 10. [Philadelphia.]

The periodical compilation he proposes seems to be a novel idea. Such a work, if well executed, recommends itself; and if it is not well executed, it will not be helped by any other recommendation. Incloses a note of the value of provisions 34 years ago in Philadelphia and Boston, which he thinks might be proper to be preserved in his works. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **XLV, 218.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 660).

To **J[ohn] Jay.** 1788. June 27. Philadelphia.

In looking over his papers he found a copy of a certificate of Com. [John Paul] Jones in favor of John Jackson. Wishes to be informed whether anything has been done for Jackson, in consequence of Jones's promise. Sends him two papers relative to the services done the United States by Mr. [Andrew] Limozin of Havre and M. Milliet of Lisbon, for his consideration and to be disposed of as he should think proper. A. L. S. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLV, 219.**

Printed in Works (Smyth, IX, 662).

To [**Joseph**] **Elam.** 1788. November 10. Philadelphia.

Declines the arbitration of a sectarian squabble. His advice to them.
A. L. S. 1 p. (In duplicate.) **XLV, 220.**
Printed in Works (Bigelow, X, 18; Smyth, IX, 680).

To [**Philip**] **Kinsey.** 1789. May 25. [Philadelphia.]

Some mistake in the supposition that the box [containing sundry geometrical solid bodies] was ever lent to him. His memory still pretty good and it affords not the least trace of any such transaction.
A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. **XLV, 221b.**

List of Learned Societies of which Benjamin Fanklin was a Member. [1789.]

A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 1.**

Ledger A and B. July. 1730–1740. **Ledger D.** 1739–1748.

2 vols. Folio. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{5-6}.**

Receipt Book. 1742–1764.

1 vol. Small 4to. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{2}.**

Post-Office Book. 1748–1752.

1 vol. Folio. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{8}.**

Account of Expenses of Benjamin Franklin's Voyage to England. 1757.

1 vol. Small 4to. **B. F., 85, f. 6.**

Memorandum Book. April 1757 to October 1776.

1 vol. Folio. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{7}.**

Journal Kept During his Residence in London. 1764–1774.

1 vol. 4to. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{3}.**

Account of the Money Received from the Commissioners of the United States for their use. Paris. 1777.

1 vol. 4to. **B. F., 85, f. 6_{4}.**

To **Arra Shoy.**

A poem on Mareashine. The relative advantages of New York and Pennsylvania for settlers. A. Dr. of Diss. 2 p. **L(ii), 35.**

To **Mme. Brillon.**

The real cause for his leaving her house so soon was that he had been up early that day, had worked hard, had dined in Paris and felt rather sleepy after she had retired to the garden. Thought it more seemly to take his leave early in the evening and go home. She must, therefore, forgive him and not be angry over little things. A. L. 1 p. (Press copy.) **XLVI(i), 48.**

Autograph draft of same. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 50.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 314.

To **Mme. Brillon.**

Believes that there are many pleasures in this world, as well as pains, and is glad to live. Providence should not be blamed; many of our duties are by Nature made pleasures. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. (In French.) **XLVI(i), 51.**

Printed in Putnam's Monthly, Dec., 1906, 316.

To **The Ship "Capricieuse."**

Passport. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 102.**

To [**William**] **Caslon.**

Order for types and paper. A. Mem. 1 p. **L(ii), 56c.**

To **Le Ray de Chaumont.**

Requests the loan of his piano. A. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXX, 58.**

Passport to Irish Settlers.

On board the brigantine "Elizabeth." Captain William Stewart commanding. A. Dr. of D. S. 3 p. **LXXIV, 89, 90.**

To [**Countess de Golofkin**].

To his faithful interpreter of German letters. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. **LXX, 7b.**

To **Dr. Ingen Housz.**

Passport. A. Dr. of D. S. 1 p. **LXXIV, 80.**

To **[Jean Baptiste] Le Roy.**

Asking for the address of the Governor of San Domingo. A. Dr. of N. 1 p. **LXX, 7a.**

To **Dr. [Charles?] Morton.**

Sends him the book on education said to be written by Mr. Walker. An account of the author may be found in the Athenae Oxoniensis. A. Dr. of L. in 3d P. 1 p. **XLVI(i), 18½.**

To **The Portuguese Vessel "La Nostra Signora."**

Passport. Dr. of D. 2 p. **LXXIV, 101.**

To **Robert Pasley and Family.**

Passport. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXXIV, 85.**

To **The Printer.**

Definition of British newspapers. Like Ambassadors, they are sent abroad to lie. A. Dr. of L. 1 p. **L(i), 32.**

To ——— ———.

Cannot see her this evening and desires to know if the dinner with M. De La Fay will take place to-morrow. N. 1 p. (In French.) **LXXI, 101a.**

Memorandum.

An hypothetical case to ascertain the custom of merchants in reference to commissions on a commercial transaction. A. Mem. 1 p. **L(i), 25.**

Money Advanced by Different Persons to American Prisoners.
Mem. 1 p. **LX, 2.**

A Turkish Apologue.

A. Dr. of Diss. 3 p. **L(i), 10.**

Memoranda.

Miscellaneous. A. Dr. 6 p. **LXIX, 104, 105, 106.**

List of French Scientists and Men of Letters.

A. Mem. 1 p. **LXX, 8a.**

Statement of Account with the Estate of James Parker. [1763–1772.]

Mem. 2 p. **LXVII, 12, 28b, 29.**

Post-Office Accounts. [1741–1773.]

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 112-114, 116-121, 123-125.**

Trial Balance. 1771. February 28.

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 27.**

Trial Balance. 1777. May 31.

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 51.**

Statement of Account with Jona[than] Williams.

1776. February 29. Worcester.

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 46.**

Statement of Account with William Hodgson.

1782. July 26. London.

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 55.**

Statement of Account with William Hodgson.

1783. October 24. London.

Mem. 1 p. **LXVII, 56.**

Bills and Business Memoranda.

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Bill of Exchange. 1782. December 4. Passy.

Drawn on Robert Morris, Superintendent of Finance, Philadelphia.

A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXIV, 80.**

To **The Bank** [**of North America,** Philadelphia].

Cheques from May 5, 1787, to July 21, 1788. Philadelphia. D. S. 9 p. **LXVII, 59-61.**

Bond to Jean de Neufville & Fils. 1781.

Form of bond to be signed on receiving 200,000 florins from Jean de Neufville & Fils, of Amsterdam, as part of the loan of 2,000,000 florins authorized by Congress and floated by them. Another form to be signed by Congress. Mem. 7 p. (In French.) **LVI(i), 56.**

Form of Bond to be Issued by the American Commissioners at Paris.

For money loaned, with interest coupons attached. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXIV, 90.**

The same. D. 2 p. (Printed proof.) **LXIV, 91, 92.**

Blank form of Book for Entry of Bills Receivable.

Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 14.**

Blank form of Book for Entry of Bills Payable.

Dr. of Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 15.**

Blank Bond of Indemnity.

To Benjamin Franklin for payment of Continental bill of exchange which had not been endorsed. A. Dr. of D. 1 p. **LXIV, 76.**

Receipt for Papers in Connection with Prizes Brought Into Port.

Printed. 1 p. **LXIV, 98, 99.**

Amount of Loan Office Bills Accepted by Benjamin Franklin.

Mem. 3 p. **LXIV, 16.**

Summary of Amount of Bills in Dollars and Livres.

Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 17.**

List of Bills of Exchange Not Accepted.

Mem. 1 p. **LXIV, 13.**

Note Payable to the President of the Continental Congress for Money Received from Benjamin Franklin.

Printed forms. 2 p. **LXIV, 93-94.**

Note Given by Prisoners in England for Money Advanced to Assist in Returning to the United States.

Printed form. 1 p. **LXIV, 95.**

Bond Given by Commander of Letter of Marque Ship.

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Written and Printed Blank Forms of Bonds for Persons Taking out Letters of Marque and Reprisal.

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